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THE SUPREME FATHER'S DIVINE DESCENT ON EARTH

Supreme Soul
Godfather

Brahma Kumaris

GOD HAS ARRIVED

WHEN IN DISTRESS
YOU CALL OUT TO THE ONE UP ABOVE

When you are in distress, you call out to the One above, saying "Oh God, Oh God Father, Oh Nooray ilahi, Oh Paramatma, Oh Prabhu, protect me, guide me, relieve me from this suffering..."

MAHA SHIVARATRI
WHO IS THE ONE UP ABOVE?

He is the subtlest of the subtle. He is a point of divine light and is called SHIVA, the Supreme or God or Almighty Authority. He is the Father of all of us, souls.

WHERE IS GOD NOW?
WHEN DOES HE COME?

Looking at the degradation of the world today, anyone can tell that it is the time of the Savior, the Creator to descend on earth and liberate us all from sorrow. He indeed has come. It is time to know Him and forge a relationship with Him.

MAHA SHIVARATRI IS TRIMURTHY SHIVA JAYANTI

"यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत..."

It is said in Gita that whenever there is extreme irreligiousness, God comes. There truly is defamation of religion and an increase of unrighteousness today. The conditions of the world today are such that human beings have forgotten who they are, who do they belong to, where do they come from and what is it that they ought to do. This condition is referred to as the 'ratri'. The word "ratri" here does not connote the darkness that falls after sunset, but it signifies the darkness of extreme ignorance and unrighteousness in the world. It is on such a night of ignorance that God incarnates on earth to dispel the darkness of ignorance and to take us to the world of light and the land of liberation. Therefore, it is the highest of all festivals and rightly called as 'Shiva Ratri'.

Shiva Ratri is the highest of all festivals and is called 'Maha' Shivaratri as it symbolizes the divine incarnation of God Shiva on earth. Shiva, the Supreme, the Benefactor incarnates into this human world and takes on the instrument of a person, who already has an old body, who is here in the physical dimension. And He incarnates towards the end of Kaliyuga to show us the path of light and liberation and take us to a whole new world of Love, Divinity and Truth.

WHO IS GOD SHIVA?

The Supreme, God Shiva is the Father of all of us, souls. As His children, we inherit His form, which is that of a point of light. You can call yourself soul, conscience, energy, shakti, rooh, atma, etc.

In essence, we humans are also a metaphysical energy like our Father and we are non-physical. The body is my house, but I the soul, am also eternal like my Father and I inherit the attributes of my Father – of truth, peace, happiness, and love at the core of my very being.

The word "Shiva" itself is very significant as it tells about who God is, what does He look like, and what is His task. The word Shiva itself when translated, means the 'seed' indicating that Shiva, the God is the creator. The point tells us about the form of God - that He doesn't have a pervasive form of energy or nothingness, but God is actually a being of light, a point of light, a form that exists eternally without any change. Thirdly, the word Shiva means benefactor telling us about the act of God.

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SC says no to sealed cover suggestions in Adani case

Court to set up a committee to examine Hindenburg Research's report on the Adani Group; accepting government's suggestions will affect credibility of the panel, says CJI Chandrachud

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday chose transparency over the government's sealed cover containing "suggestions" for a committee proposed to examine Hindenburg Research's damning report on the Adani Group, saying that public confidence would take a hit if an impression was created that the Centre was steering the process with the court's nod.

"We [would] rather not accept the sealed-cover suggestions from you [government]. If we accept your suggestions in a sealed cover, the other side [petitioners] will not be able to see them. We want to maintain full transparency," Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said, addressing Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the government.

The court said that accepting the government's suggestions in a hush-hush manner would prove detrimental to the credibility of the committee and its future work in the eyes of the nation. Hindenburg Research has accused the Adani Group of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud schemes".

"We want to maintain the fullest transparency in the interest of protecting investors... We will appoint a committee of our own as it provides a sense of confidence in the process..," the Chief Justice said.

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What is short selling?

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday happened to quiz a petitioner on what exactly he knew about short selling. A SEBI note in the court gives a brief explanation on the phenomenon that has come under the spotlight with the Adani-Hindenburg case:

The method: Investors borrow shares and sell them, expecting to buy them back later at a lower price before returning them to the lenders and making profits on the difference between the higher sale price initially and the lower purchase price subsequently

Two views: For some, short selling provides liquidity and helps price corrections in over-valued stocks. Some say it is vulnerable to manipulation

Global view: In all major jurisdictions, instead of prohibiting short sales, regulators permit it within a regulated framework

Cong. questions IOC's contract with Adani Group

The Congress has questioned the Modi government over a purported contract that the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed with the Adani Group to import liquefied petroleum gas through the group-owned Gangavaram Port in Visakhapatnam instead of the government-run Visakhapatnam Port. » PAGE 14

Bommai strikes a balance between pragmatism and populism in Budget

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

With buoyancy in tax collections post the pandemic, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in his second Budget, sought to strike a balance between pragmatism and populism by creating a "feel good" factor among specific segment of voters, particularly farmers and women, as the government gears up to face the Legislative Assembly polls by April-May.

Backed by 21% growth in revenue receipts after the slump during COVID years, Mr. Bommai presented in the Assembly the State Budget for 2023-24, which crossed ₹3 lakh crore figure (₹3,09,181.50 crore), an increase of 16% over 2022-23. The size of the Budget crossed ₹1 lakh crore in 2012 and ₹2 lakh crore in 2018.

After two years of deficit Budget, Mr. Bommai presented a ₹402 crore surplus budget and refrained from levying fresh taxes.

Mr. Bommai, who also holds the Finance portfolio, summed up the Budget as a "growth-oriented, people-centric and balanced". "This Budget is a promise for development and a better future... I am presenting this Budget with the vision of responsibilities, targets and results for the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal," echoing the sentiment of the Union Budget.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai arriving at the Vidhana Soudha to present the State Budget on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Budget numbers at a glance

Total Budget outlay ₹3,09,182 crore

State's own tax revenue **₹1,64,653 crore**
Non-tax revenue **₹11,000 crore**
Share of Central taxes **₹37,252 crore**
Grants from Central government **₹13,005 crore**
Revenue surplus **₹402 crore**

Borrowings ₹77,750 crore
Total liabilities
24.2% of GSDP

Fiscal deficit ₹60,581 crore
2.6% of GSDP

Revenue expenditure **₹2,25,507 crore**
Capital expenditure **₹61,234 crore**
Loan repayment **₹22,441 crore**

Wooing key sections

Mr. Bommai, however, keeping an eye on elections, attempted to woo a few segments of voters. It contained proposals of increasing the limit of interest for free short-term loans to farmers from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh, additional subsidy of ₹10,000 each under the new scheme "Bhoo Siri" for Kisan Credit Card holders for purchase of farm inputs for 50 lakh farmers, and life insurance to 56 lakh small and marginal farmers, who form the key constituency of the electorate.

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'Survey at BBC offices found irregularities'

Devesh K Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department said on Friday that its survey at the Delhi and Mumbai offices of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) revealed multiple irregularities, including non-payment of tax on certain remittances that were not disclosed as income in India.

The three-day survey concluded on Thursday.

Stating that the survey was carried out under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act, the agency said it revealed that despite substantial consumption of content in various Indian languages (apart from English), the income/profits shown by various group entities was not commensurate with the scale of operations in India.

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Budget: People have been fooled, says Congress

BENGALURU
Launching a unique protest against what they termed as "unfulfilled promises" of the BJP government, Congress leaders started a "kivi mele hoova" (a Kannada expression that implies fooling people) campaign during the Budget presentation on Friday. Congress members attended the presentation with flowers tucked behind their ears.
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Aero India ends on a high

BENGALURU
The five-day Aero India 2023 concluded as aircraft and helicopters took part in one final performance before a packed house on Friday. It was organised at Air Force Station Yelahanka in an area of around 35,000 sq. m. The event witnessed the forging of 266 partnerships, including 201 MoUs, 53 major announcements, nine product launches, and three transfer of technology, worth around ₹80,000 crore. » Page 2

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SUPREME SOUL SHIVA
HAS DESCENDED ON THIS EARTH

OmShanti

Greetings of Peace on 87th Trimurthi Maha Shivaratri.

Spiritual Meaning of Shivaratri

The world is currently enveloped in the darkness of evil. At this time, incorporeal God Shiva is giving human souls their Godly inheritance of complete purity, peace and happiness by imparting spiritual knowledge and teaching us souls Rajyoga meditation.

In spiritual terms, night denotes the darkness that prevails in human minds because of vices and evil tendencies. The current time is such a night. This is the time when we should recognize the true meaning of the wake and the fast that people keep on Shivaratri, and take a vow of celibacy. We should offer our weakness to God Shiva and imbibe the nectar of knowledge drop by drop. By celebrating Shivratri meaningfully in this way, we can receive blessings of liberation and liberation-in-life from God Shiva.

Father of All Souls, Shiva Parmatma's divine message for you.

Oh! my Sweet beloved children you are not bodies but souls. Soul is an operator of this body. It is a point of light.

Iam father of all souls, a point of light, Nirakar Shiva supreme soul. You souls with me are a resident of Muktidham

My sweet children, I have descended on this earth in a human body of Prajapita Brahma by listening to your prayers. I have come to impart the knowledge and make your learn Rajyoga meditation to get purified and go back to your home (Muktidham)

Beloved sweet children awake and understand the value of time and don't say later, Oh! God you have come on this earth and we didn't knew about it.

About the Institution: Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya has been established in 1937 by Shiva Parmatma incarnating in human body of Prajapita Brahma, since then his teachings of complete happiness and peace through Rajyoga meditation has spread over 140 countries with more than 10,000 centers worldwide. We are working as an NGO praised by UN and have been awarded with peace prize. We hold consultative status with UNICEF. Learn Rajyoga meditation for stress free living and harmony in relationship. You can easily tackle the current problems of anxiety, trauma, depression, insomnia etc.. The services offered at our centers are free of cost. For further details please get in touch with our local center.

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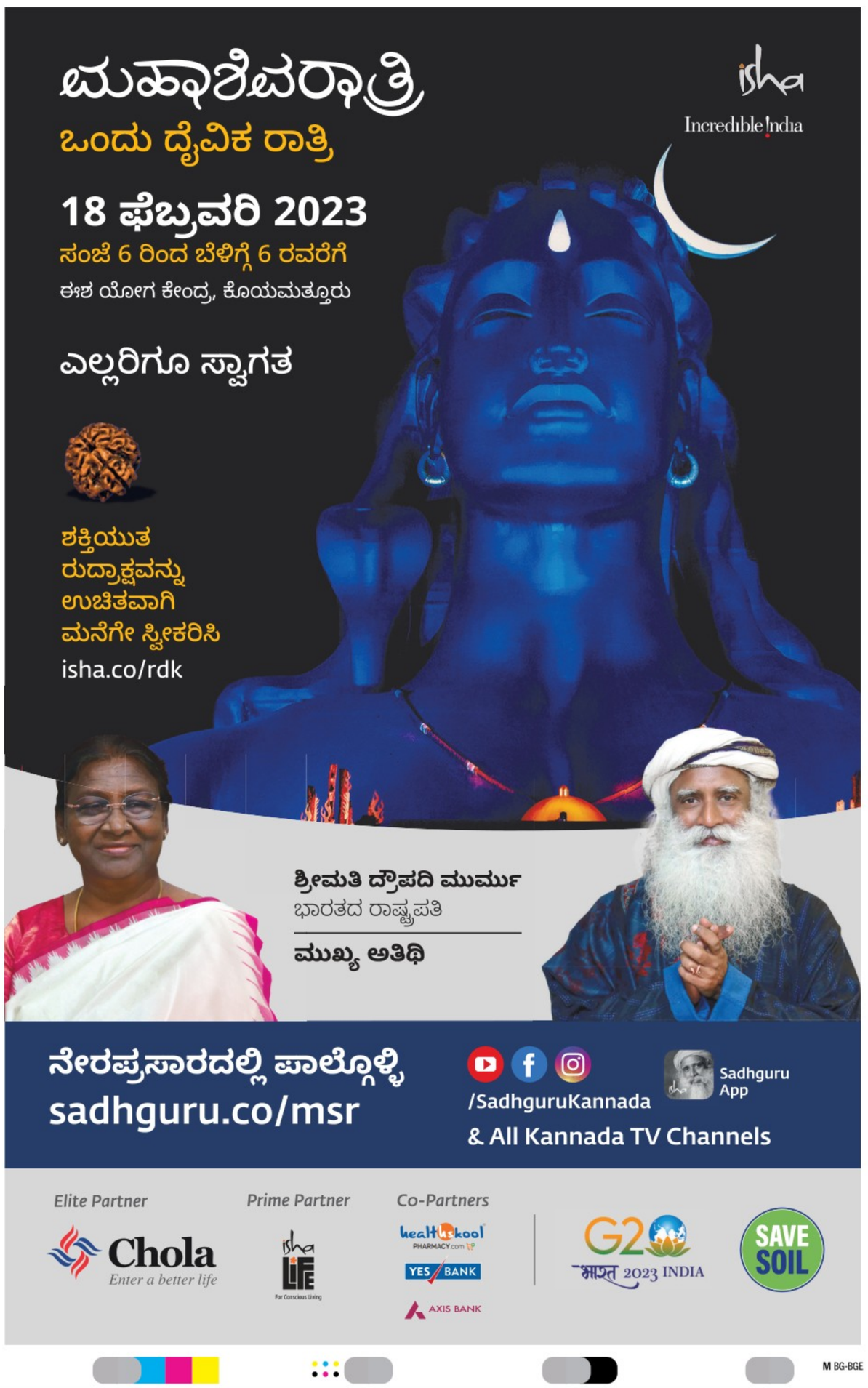

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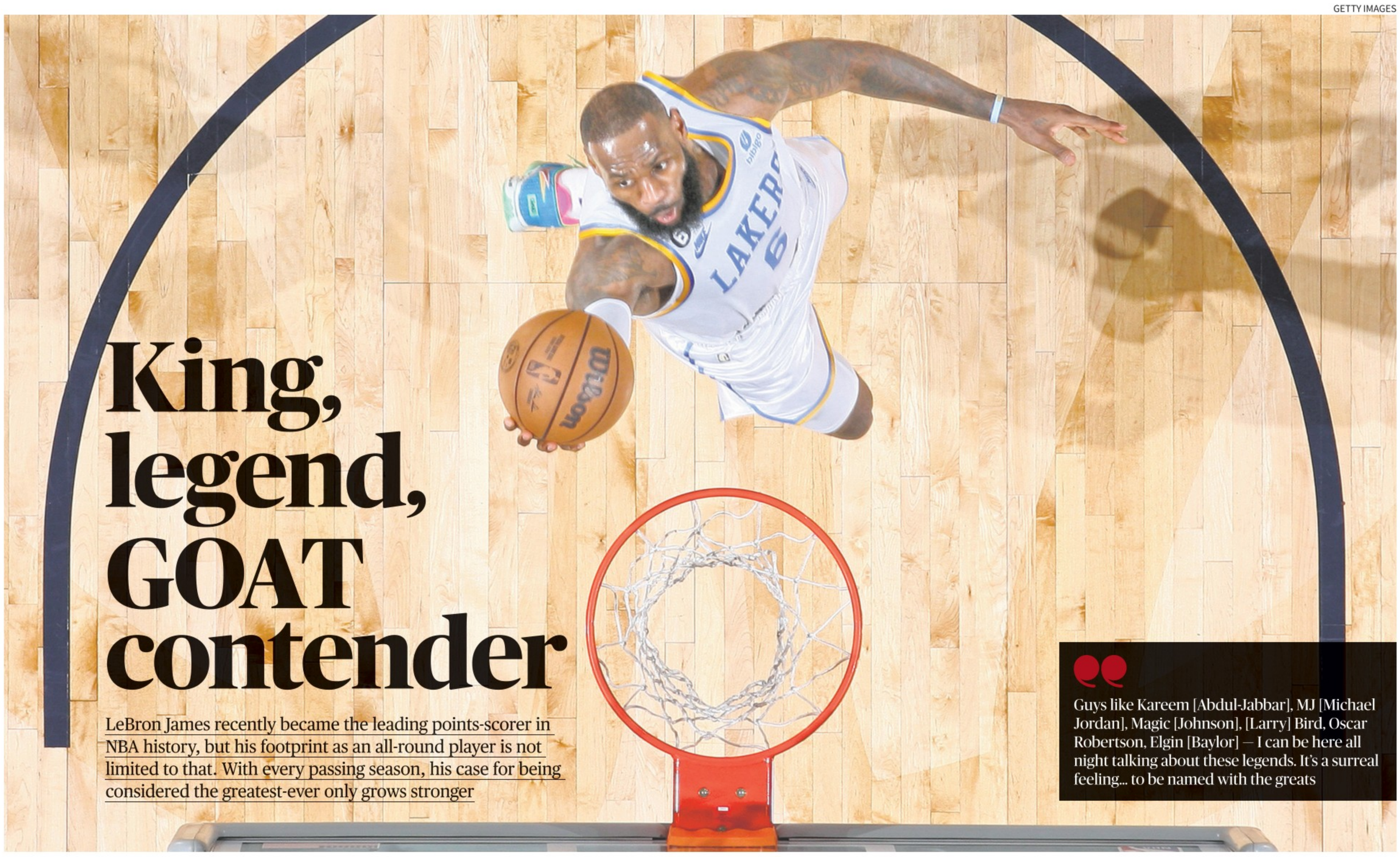

King, legend, GOAT contender

LeBron James recently became the leading points-scorer in NBA history, but his footprint as an all-round player is not limited to that. With every passing season, his case for being considered the greatest-ever only grows stronger

> Guys like Kareem [Abdul-Jabbar], MJ [Michael Jordan], Magic [Johnson], [Larry] Bird, Oscar Robertson, Elgin [Baylor] — I can be here all night talking about these legends. It's a surreal feeling... to be named with the greats

Ashwin Achal

LeBron James posted up at the top of the key, took a few dribbles and hit a slick fadeaway jumper to create history. With his signature move, James overtook Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387 points) to become the all-time leading points-scorer in NBA history.

The game, where James' Los Angeles Lakers faced Oklahoma City Thunder, was stopped to celebrate the incredible milestone. An emotional James was joined on court by his family, as well as Abdul-Jabbar.

In the post-match media conference, James explained that the weight of his achievement had not sunk in. He stated that it was a "surreal" feeling to be mentioned alongside Abdul-Jabbar and other greats.

"I'm a historian of the game. Guys like Kareem, MJ [Michael Jordan], Magic [Johnson], [Larry] Bird, Oscar Robertson, Elgin [Baylor] – I can be here all night talking about these legends. For me, it's an honour to be named with the greats, and to be in the conversation with the greats. It's a surreal feeling. We used to watch these guys when we were young, and now we are actually up here with them," James said.

Unlike Abdul-Jabbar, James is not an all-out scoring machine. He is a consummate team man, who derives great satisfaction from getting everyone on the floor involved on offence. Only a couple of weeks ago, James overtook Steve Nash to climb to fourth on the all-time assists leaderboard.

> I'll take myself over anyone who has played this game

The top-three – John Stockton, Jason Kidd and Chris Paul – were pure point guards, whose primary job was to pass the ball. It speaks volumes about James' unselfish nature that a 6'9" power forward, armed with every offensive trick in the book, has joined this elite list. James is notably the only man in history with a top-five spot on both the assists and scoring charts.

Astonishing longevity

His astounding longevity is the key to his record-breaking spree. James, 38, is in his 20th NBA season and is not slowing down. He averages a shade over 30 points per game this season and is striving to drag his Lakers to yet another playoff appearance.

James, who reads the game brilliantly, has suitably adapted his style of play over the years. As a young star breaking through the ranks, he used his athletic prowess to slash his way to the rim.

As he became older, James traded the explosive drives for precise jump-shots. He learnt to effectively play in all positions – using his size at the post position, or handling the ball as a point guard to create plays.

James is known to pay close attention to his fitness, and the results are enviable. Since making his professional debut in 2003, James has been affected by serious injuries only on two occasions. In the 2018-19 season, he missed 17 games due to a groin strain, and two years later, a sprained ankle forced him to sit out 20 games.

Right through his career, he has shouldered a heavy workload. At an age when most sportspersons have called it quits, James is still going strong. There is a good chance that he will go past Vince Carter (22 seasons) as the player who has featured in the most NBA seasons.

His durability took an amusing turn last month, when Houston Rockets rookie Jabari Smith Jr. told James during the game, "You played against my dad [Jabari Smith Sr.] in your first NBA game ever [against Sacramento Kings]."

A surprised James laughed when the teenager added, "You feel old, don't you?".

This was one of many instances where James has taken on father-son duos, the other notable ones being Kenyon-K.J. Martin, Gary Payton-Gary Payton II and Glenn Robinson-Glenn Robinson III.

James has even mentioned that he wants to play with or against his son, Bronny James, in the NBA. This is not entirely impossible, as the 18-year-old Bronny, a talented hoopster, is eligible to join the NBA in the 2024-25 season.

Off the court, James has built an equally stellar body of work. Through his charity organisation, the LeBron James Family Foundation, the 19-time All-Star has invested millions of dollars to uplift disadvantaged communities.

James partnered with the University of Akron to provide a four-year scholarship to promising students. The LeBron James Family Foundation also opened the I Promise School, a public elementary school created with the Akron School Board to help struggling students.

Uplifting the community

James never forgot the hardships he faced as a kid growing up in Akron (Ohio), where his mother Gloria worked odd jobs to support the family. Using his fame and wealth to give back to the community brings more joy to James than winning games on the court.

Unlike most other high-profile sportspersons, James does not shy away from sharing strong opinions on social issues. He has condemned police brutality and supported National Football League player Colin Kaepernick's decision to kneel during the national anthem at the start of games in protest of police brutality and racial inequality in the United States.

James' recent ascent to the top of the points pile has reopened an old debate – is he the greatest basketball player of all time? Fans of Michael Jordan will take exception to this suggestion, but with each passing year bringing new landmarks, James' case becomes stronger.

In James' eyes, the answer to the GOAT question is clear. "I'll take myself over anyone who has played this game," a confident James said after making history at Los Angeles.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	7,070	15
2	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,730	17
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,940	22
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,515	23
5	Andrey Rublev	25	4,065	24
6	Rafael Nadal	36	3,815	14
7	Taylor Fritz	25	3,455	22
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,260	25
9	Holger Rune	19	3,136	26
10	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,950	20
11	Daniil Medvedev	27	2,750	21
12	Cameron Norrie	27	2,715	23
13	Karen Khachanov	26	2,515	24
14	Jannik Sinner	21	2,445	19
15	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,350	22

Top Indians ▸

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 319 ▼ 13 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 402 ▼ 4 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,485	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	24	6,100	20
3	Ons Jabeur	28	5,210	18
4	Jessica Pegula	28	5,000	17
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,795	23
6	Coco Gauff	18	3,992	18
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,616	22
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,425	24
9	Belinda Bencic	25	3,275	20
10	Elena Rybakina	23	2,860	22
11	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,740	21
12	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,285	25
13	Petra Kvitova	32	2,227	18
14	Jelena Ostapenko	25	2,210	20
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,209	21

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 246 ▼ 4 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 260 ▼ 2 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Man. City	23	16	3	4	59	23	36	51
2	Arsenal	22	16	3	3	47	21	26	51
3	Man. United	23	14	4	5	38	28	10	46
4	Newcastle	22	10	11	1	35	13	22	41
5	Tottenham	23	12	3	8	42	35	7	39
6	Brighton	21	10	5	6	39	28	11	35
7	Fulham	23	10	5	8	34	30	4	35
8	Brentford	22	8	10	4	36	29	7	34
9	Liverpool	21	9	5	7	36	28	8	32
10	Chelsea	22	8	7	7	23	22	1	31
11	Aston Villa	22	8	4	10	26	34	-8	28
12	Palace	22	6	7	9	20	30	-10	25
13	Leicester	22	7	3	12	36	38	-2	24
14	Nott. Forest	22	6	6	10	17	37	-20	24
15	Wolves	22	6	5	11	17	31	-14	23
16	West Ham	22	5	5	12	19	27	-8	20
17	Leeds United	22	4	7	11	28	38	-10	19
18	Everton	22	4	6	12	16	30	-14	18
19	Bournemouth	22	4	6	12	20	44	-24	18
20	Southampton	22	4	3	15	18	40	-22	15

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	22	19	2	1	54	15	39	59
2	Inter Milan	22	14	2	6	41	26	15	44
3	Atalanta	22	12	5	5	41	24	17	41
4	Roma	22	12	5	5	29	19	10	41
5	AC Milan	22	12	5	5	38	30	8	41
6	Lazio	22	11	6	5	37	19	18	39
7	Torino	22	8	6	8	22	23	-1	30
8	Udinese	22	7	9	6	30	25	5	30
9	Juventus *	22	13	5	4	34	17	17	29
10	Monza	22	8	5	9	28	30	-2	29
11	Bologna	22	8	5	9	28	32	-4	29
12	Empoli	22	6	9	7	21	28	-7	27
13	Lecce	22	5	9	8	22	25	-3	24
14	Fiorentina	22	6	6	10	23	29	-6	24
15	Sassuolo	22	6	6	10	26	33	-7	24
16	Salernitana	22	5	6	11	25	42	-17	21
17	Spezia	22	4	7	11	19	37	-18	19
18	Verona	22	4	5	13	20	33	-13	17
19	Sampdoria	22	2	5	15	10	36	-26	11
20	Cremonese	22	0	8	14	15	40	-25	8

** 15 points deducted after investigation into club's past transfer dealings*

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	21	18	2	1	43	7	36	56
2	Real Madrid	21	15	3	3	44	17	27	48
3	Real Sociedad	21	13	3	5	31	21	10	42
4	Atletico Madrid	21	11	5	5	30	17	13	38
5	Real Betis	21	10	4	7	27	22	5	34
6	Rayo Vallecano	21	9	6	6	28	23	5	33
7	Athletic Bilbao	21	9	5	7	31	22	9	32
8	Villarreal	21	9	4	8	22	18	4	31
9	Osasuna	21	8	6	7	19	19	0	30
10	Real Mallorca	21	8	4	9	16	20	-4	28
11	Girona	21	6	6	9	27	31	-4	24
12	Sevilla	21	6	6	9	23	29	-6	24
13	Real Valladolid	21	7	3	11	15	28	-13	24
14	Celta Vigo	21	6	5	10	22	33	-11	23
15	Almeria	21	6	4	11	25	34	-9	22
16	Cadiz	21	5	7	9	17	33	-16	22
17	Espanyol	21	4	9	8	26	33	-7	21
18	Valencia	21	5	5	11	26	26	0	20
19	Getafe	21	4	7	10	18	28	-10	19
20	Elche	21	1	6	14	15	44	-29	9

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	20	12	7	1	59	18	41	43
2	Union Berlin	20	13	3	4	35	24	11	42
3	Dortmund	20	13	1	6	40	26	14	40
4	SC Freiburg	20	11	4	5	32	31	1	37
5	RB Leipzig	20	10	6	4	40	26	14	36
6	Eintracht	20	10	5	5	40	29	11	35
7	Wolfsburg	20	8	6	6	38	26	12	30
8	Leverkusen	20	8	3	9	33	32	1	27
9	Werder	20	8	3	9	31	39	-8	27
10	M'gladbach	20	7	5	8	35	33	2	26
11	Cologne	20	6	8	6	32	31	1	26
12	Mainz	20	7	5	8	30	32	-2	26
13	FC Augsburg	20	6	3	11	25	36	-11	21
14	Hoffenheim	20	5	4	11	29	39	-10	19
15	Bochum	20	6	1	13	24	49	-25	19
16	Hertha Berlin	20	4	5	11	24	36	-12	17
17	Stuttgart	20	3	7	10	23	36	-13	16
18	Schalke	20	2	6	12	14	41	-27	12

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	921	937
2	Steve Smith	897	947
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Travis Head	833	841
5	Joe Root	826	923
6	Kane Williamson	810	919
7	Rishabh Pant	789	801
8	Rohit Sharma	786	813
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
10	Usman Khawaja	732	779

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	867	914
2	R. Ashwin	846	904
3	James Anderson	835	903
4	Ollie Robinson	805	805
5	Jasprit Bumrah	803	835
6	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
7	Kagiso Rabada	776	902
8	Kyle Jamieson	772	836
9	Mitchell Starc	742	806
10	Josh Hazlewood	726	863

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	787	796
3	David Warner	747	880
4	Quinton de Kock	743	813
5	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
6	Shubman Gill	734	734
7	Virat Kohli	727	911
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Rohit Sharma	719	885
10	Kane Williamson	700	799

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	729	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Trent Boult	708	775
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Rashid Khan	659	806
6	Adam Zampa	655	655
7	Shakib Al Hasan	652	717
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mustafizur Rahman	638	695
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Babar Azam	778	896
4	Devon Conway	768	831
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
8	Aaron Finch	680	900
9	Glenn Phillips	662	703
10	Alex Hales	655	866

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	698	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Anrich Nortje	659	695
10	Mitchell Santner	657	731

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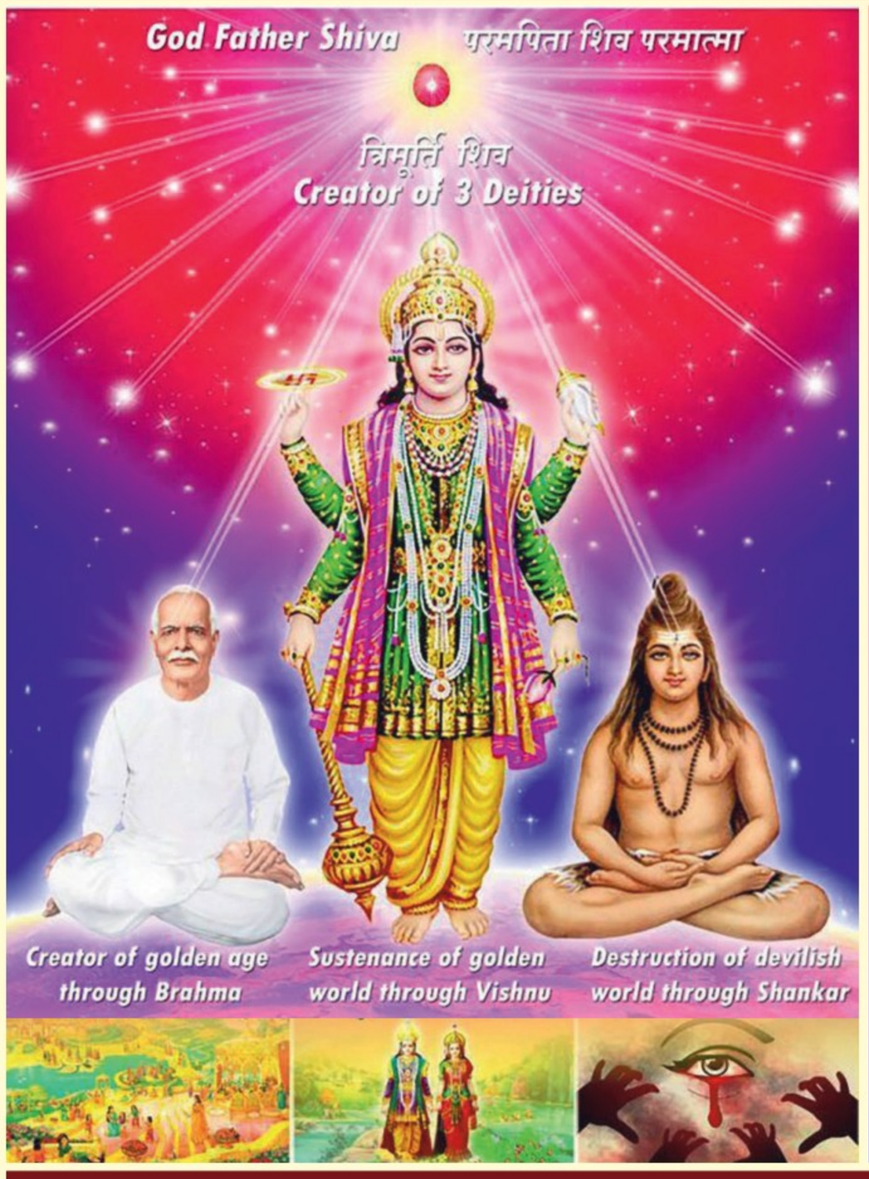
- Paramatma Shiva is the subtlest of the subtle.
- His form is of a point of divine light (Jyoti Bindu).
- He is eternal - never comes in the cycle of birth and death and this is why He does not have a body of His own.
- This is depicted in Hindu religion in the form Jyotirlingam, which indicates His form and eternity.

WHY IS IT CALLED 'TRIMURTHY SHIVA JAYANTI' ?


God Father Shiva
परमपिता शिव परमात्मा
त्रिमूर्ति शिव
Creator of 3 Deities
Creator of golden age through Brahma
Sustenance of golden world through Vishnu
Destruction of devilish world through Shankar

SHIVA TRIYAMBAKESHWARA

Almighty Authority Shiva, the Incorporeal Supreme Father, is the Creator of the triad - Brahma, Vishnu and Shankar - through whom He carries out His three Supreme Acts of Creation, Sustenance and Destruction, respectively. Incorporeal God Shiva descended to the corporeal world in 1937, and with His incarnation, He created "Tridevas": Brahma, Vishnu and Shankar simultaneously. It's a wonder that the Creator and His creation are born together! The three subtle deities represent the three functional titles of one and the same soul, Prajapita Brahma, whom the Supreme Soul adopts as His chariot. And this is why, the day of Shiva Ratri is rightly called as Trimurthy Shiva Jayanti.

Being the Master Creator, Prajapita Brahma performs the role of Spiritual father to his mouth-born children, the Brahma Kumaris and Brahma Kumars. Prajapita Brahma and Jagadamba Saraswati, play the role of Adi Dev and Adi Devi transforming themselves and their spiritual children to the status of devi-devatas (deities) of the Golden Age.

GOD HAS ALREADY INCARNATED ON THIS EARTH

There are four epochs in a kalpa – Satya Yuga (Golden Age), Treta Yuga (Silver Age), Dwapara Yuga (Copper Age) and Kali Yuga (Iron Age), each of 1,250 years. The last part of Kali Yuga is known as the Confluence Age or Sangam Yuga, when the Iron Age ends and the Golden Age is about to dawn.

This is the ongoing epoch and it is now that God has incarnated through His medium, Prajapita Brahma and established the Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in the year 1936. At this Godly university, the Supreme Teacher, Shiva, gives true knowledge to mankind about the self (soul), God, the relationship between the two, about the three worlds (the incorporeal world, subtle world and corporeal world), the cycle of time, the gradual degradation of human souls from divinity in Satya Yuga, to viciousness in Kali Yuga, and about the transformation of souls again to their original divine status in the Confluence Age.

HOW TO ACCURATELY CELEBRATE SHIVARATRI OR TRIMURTHY SHIVA JAYANTI

The Brahma Kumaris very deeply hold this awareness that Shiva the Supreme, the Mother, the Father of all humanity is the One who is actually teaching us how to transform ourselves and carry out the task of upliftment.

A befitting way to celebrate the birthday of God, Trimurti Shiva is to first realize that God has now come to bestow the fruit of our intense devotion (or bhakti) in the form of Ishwariya Gyan and RajaYoga meditation, which are being imparted through all the Brahma Kumaris centers worldwide. Because it is through knowledge that one can attain the God-Fatherly inheritance of liberation (mukti) and fruition or liberation in life (Jeevan Mukti). Every human soul on this earth is entitled to know not only this wonderful news that our Supreme Father, Shiva has arrived, but also to experience God firsthand by taking in the knowledge that He is teaching and learning RajaYoga meditation from the Brahma Kumaris.

Further, we need to surrender all the vices in us to Shiva, and not simply offer the wildflowers, 'Ak' and 'Dhatura', which are poisonous and are symbolic of the vices in us. We must treat the whole of Confluence Age as Shiva-ratri, and we have to keep awake and vigilant to follow the Supreme Guidance of God Shiva during the entire Confluence Age, and not merely keep awake and observe celibacy for one night. By understanding and following Shiva in this way, we will be blessed with the treasures of peace, purity and joy.

The Brahma Kumaris is a worldwide organisation dedicated to personal transformation and world renewal through the power of meditation. A spiritual, social and educational pioneer originally founded in 1937, it aims at developing and conducting programs that empower the individual, which in turn help in building a value based virtuous society. Brahma Kumaris, with its international headquarters in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India, comprises a worldwide network of 4000 centres in more than 142 countries and is affiliated with the UNDPI as an NGO, has consultative status with the UNICEF and is also accredited with General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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Om Shanti

PRAJAPITA BRAHMA KUMARIS ISWARIYA VISHWA VIDYALAYA

Aero India ends on a high

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BENGALURU

Big leap: Indian Air Force's aerobatic team 'Suryakiran' performing on the concluding day of Aero India 2023 at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The five-day Aero India 2023 concluded as aircraft and helicopters took part in one final performance before a packed house on Friday. Organised at Air Force Station Yelahanka in an area of around 35,000 sq. m, the event was the biggest-ever till date and witnessed the participation of 98 countries, according to the Ministry of Defence.

While the first two days were business days with a Defence Ministers' Conclave, a CEOs Round Table, Manthan start-up event, and Bandhan ceremony, the last two days of the airshow were open to the public with aerial displays being the highlight.

The Defence Ministers of 32 countries, air chiefs of 29 countries, and 73 CEOs of global and Indian OEMs attended the event where 809 defence companies, including MSMEs and start-ups, showcased their technologies. The Bandhan event, held on February 15, was aimed at forging and renewing partnerships between business entities. The event witnessed the forging of 266 partnerships, including 201 MoUs, 53 major announcements, nine product launches, and three transfer of technology, worth around ₹80,000 crore.

MoUs included the ones between Gopalan Aerospace India Pvt. Ltd. and Omnipol of Czech Republic for manufacturing and assembling the first passenger aircraft (L 410 UVP-E20 version) by a private company in India, and between HAL and Elta Systems Ltd. of Israel for cooperation on future business in maritime patrol radar for Indian platforms.

A CEOs' Round Table on the sidelines of the airshow witnessed participation of officials, delegates and global CEOs from 26 countries, including Boeing, Lockheed, Israel Aerospace Industries, General Atomics, Liebherr Group, Raytheon Technologies, and Safran.

Hanuman sticker back on HAL aircraft

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The sticker of lord Hanuman, which was removed from a scale model of Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT) on the second day of Aero India 2023, was back on the last day of the airshow on Friday.

HLFT-42 is being developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and the scale model was on display at its indoor pavilion.

The sticker was on the tail of the aircraft, along with the slogan 'The Storm Is Coming', on the inaugural day of the five-day air show.

On February 14 on the second day of the airshow, HAL removed the sticker from HLFT-42.

When HAL Chairman & MD C.B. Ananthakrishnan was asked about the intention behind putting the sticker, he explained that the intention was to show the power of the aircraft. "There used to be an HAL aircraft called HF-24 Marut. HLFT-42 was derived from HF-24 Marut. There is nothing specific to derive from the image," he said. He added that the image was removed as the company thought that it is too premature to put any image on the aircraft tail.

BSWML to get automated waste segregation machines

They will reduce manual handling of waste, and also lessen the burden on landfills

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BBMP garbage trucks at Mittaganahalli landfill. FILE PHOTO

The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) will soon get automated waste segregation machines to separate the city's dry, wet, and sanitary waste.

The BSWML recently called for a tender to get these machines, which, according to officials, will make the task of segregation easier and reduce the burden on landfills.

Last year, the Urban Development Department sanctioned the project.

BSWML is responsible for collecting waste, keeping streets clean, transportation, processing and disposal of solid waste, and door-to-door waste collection. The refuse is sent to processing facilities. Rejected and inert waste are sent to landfills. According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), of the 4,500 tonnes of waste produced in Bengaluru, the civic body can segregate only up to 30%. The rest of the mixed waste continues to go to landfills.

A BSWML official said, "To ease the segregation and transportation of waste, BSWML has proposed to instal automatic waste segregation machines in the plants. The machines will reduce manual handling of waste as well. The machines will also help to recover resources, recycle and reduce the burden on landfills by segregating the mixed waste, especially in thickly populated areas, slums, and where there is a large number of commercial establishments," they added.

Plan to establish coconut processing unit with 200 TPD capacity

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To process the city's coconut waste, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) plans to establish a 200 tonnes per day (TPD) capacity unit at an estimated cost of ₹8.7 crore. According to BSWML officials, coconut waste comprises nearly 10% of biodegradable waste in the city.

"The biodegradation is slow, but the energy value in coconut is high, making it a great energy resource. Coconut waste cannot be disposed of through known methods of biogas and composting. Hence, we decided to set up a processing unit for coconuts," an official added.

The civic body has two plants in Mahadevapura and Freedom Park, with 20 to 40 TPD capacity each. Through densification, organic coconut waste is converted into solid fuels called briquettes/pellets. "They can be used to substitute furnace oil, LPG, light diesel oil and other cooking fuels," the official said.

The plant consists of a shredder and a compactor. Once the shells are shredded, they are fed into the compactor, turning them into cylindrical briquettes of 90 mm in diameter each. These can be cut into desired lengths and are highly sought after by factories and foundries that use boilers for combustion.

In 2015, after protests by Mandur residents, BBMP, under a public-private partnership, started two processing plants for discarded tender coconut shells. After years, the BSWML plans to set up similar plants where an agency will be selected to run the plant. The agency will have to set up the machinery and manage operations and maintenance of the plant.

Power shutdown

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There will be intermittent power supply in areas under 66/11-KV Attur Yelahanka substation on Sunday between noon and 2 p.m.

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RISE	06:40	SET 18:26
RISE	06:43	SET 18:40

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Bengaluru	29	17

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32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

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31°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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When power meets poise

Aryna Sabalenka has always had the potential to win a Major. But it was not until this year that she learnt how to harness it consistently over a fortnight

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Before 2023, anybody who had watched Aryna Sabalenka at her best would have wondered why she had not made it past the semifinals of a Grand Slam singles event. She had the 'big game' – a powerful serve and a crushing forehand, a combination that her idols Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova possessed and one that lends itself to going all the way at a Major.

But in 19 singles main-draw appearances between 2017 and 2022, Sabalenka did not progress past the fourth round on 16 occasions. The three times she did, she exited in the semifinals. In an era of women's tennis where breaking through is a relatively common occurrence – there were as many as 15 first-time Grand Slam winners between 2015 and 2022 – Sabalenka's struggles were all the more stark.

So when the 24-year-old won her maiden Grand Slam in Australia this year, it felt like validation – not just for Sabalenka but also for her supporters and those who rated her game. It was also the culmination of an inspiring journey of self-discovery which had started at rock bottom.

Twelve months earlier, her serve was in pieces, leaving her in tears as her confidence was shredded under attacks of debilitating nerves. Reduced to serving underarm in a disastrous lead-up to Melbourne in 2022, she was suffering a severe case of the 'yips'. Over the season, she dished out more than 400 double-faults!

> Before I was trying to go for aces, go for crazy shots to get out of tough situations. Right now I keep saying: 'No, work for it, it's not going to be easy'

Malfunctioning weapon

Imagine a point-ending weapon, a cannonball serve, malfunctioning when you most need it. It isn't merely unnerving, it's career-threatening. That was Sabalenka's plight for a large part of 2022. But it was also a year in which her resilience stood out, for she began piecing her serve back together and fortifying her mental game, simply refusing to yield.

Sabalenka has a tattoo of a tiger on her arm, which has earned her the nickname 'The Tiger', but it wasn't until last year, she said, that she really started living its spirit.

"I became more of a fighter than I used to be," she said. "Before it was just, like, a nice tattoo. [But last year] I was fighting with myself, which is a completely different fight, and I learned a lot about myself. The [2022] season started as the worst season, but in the end I think it was the best season for me because I became even stronger, and like mentally stronger."

Seeking answers

Sabalenka approached her problems with an open mind, seeking solutions not just from her coaching team but also from a sports psychologist and a biomechanical specialist.

During her run to the semifinals of the 2022 US Open, she was working with a biomechanics trainer to confront the technical root of her issues and build a new service motion. Tweaking technique mid-tournament is hard enough; full-scale reconstruction is incredibly risky. But Sabalenka's courageous attitude shone through.

Things began to click into place at the WTA Finals, where she won a significant psychological victory. Although beaten in the final by Caroline Garcia, Sabalenka toppled Iga Swiatek in the semifinals.

It wasn't merely the avenging of a loss: Swiatek had defeated Sabalenka in the semifinals of the US Open. It was also affirmation that Sabalenka could beat an 'unbeatable' player. Swiatek, in addition to having a dominant head-to-head record against Sabalenka, had built a streak of 37 wins and had not lost in 15 matches against top-ten players. But Sabalenka subdued the World No. 1, sealing the massive upset win with the last of 12 aces.

Sabalenka carried this momentum into 2023, winning the Adelaide International 1 title ahead of the Australian Open. She did it, moreover, after dropping her sports psychologist in pre-season – a big decision, but one she was convinced of.

"I realised that nobody other than me will help, you know?" she explained. "I spoke to my psychologist, saying: 'I feel like I have to deal with that by myself because every time hoping that someone will fix my problem, it's not fixing my problem.' I decided that I have to take responsibility and deal with that. I'm my own psychologist."

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In Melbourne, she was often imperious. She did not drop a set on her way to the final, her power game overwhelming opponents. The shaky serve that had haunted her so badly was now a thing of the past, replaced by a cleaner, meaner version.

And never was her new mental steel better illustrated than under the glare of the Rod Laver Arena lights in the final, where Sabalenka clawed her way back after losing her first set of the tournament (and year) to beat Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Clearing the final hurdle

She needed four match-points to serve out and clear the final hurdle, a double-fault costing one of them as the tension became almost unbearable. But the new version of Sabalenka kept calm and carried on where the old one would have wilted, to become the Australian Open champion.

"I still feel like I'm on another planet trying to understand what just happened," she said. "It was just too crazy, I was just super happy that I was able to handle all the emotions and break through this wall."

> I learned that I have to be a little bit calmer. I know that my game will give me a lot of opportunities to win titles

So what now for Sabalenka, who will be a marked woman and regarded very differently when she next hits the circuit as a reigning Grand Slam champion? "Yeah, it's going to be different," she said, adding that she was enjoying her time off because she needed "to calm down and start over again".

There will be opportunities to add to her trophy cabinet, but she does not yet know if she will be able to compete in Wimbledon, where the grass suits her style. The Belarusian, a semifinalist in 2021, was one of several high-ranked players blocked from Wimbledon last year after the All England Club implemented a ban on Russian and Belarusian players in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

While her Grand Slam schedule may have an air of uncertainty about it, there are no doubts over what she can achieve once she sets her mind to it. For, her success in conquering her inner demons proves that Sabalenka now knows how to find a zen-like peace while losing none of her inner competitive tiger.

GAME THEORY

Top shot-stoppers in Bundesliga

We take a look at how often goalkeepers in Germany's top flight have made saves and kept clean sheets so far this season. The data show that no goalkeeper has a clean sheet percentage of at least 50%. Gregor Kobel, Koen Casteels and Mark Flekken are the only Bundesliga 'keepers to have made more than 3 saves per game and maintained a clean sheet in at least 40% of the games they have played

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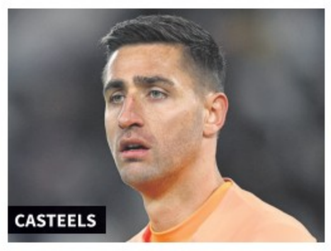
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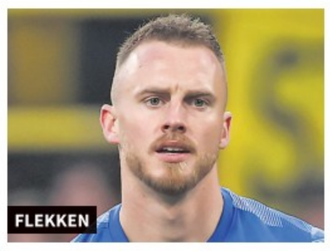
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Goalkeeper	Club	Games	Saves	Saves per game	Clean sheets	Clean sheet %
Gregor Kobel	Dortmund	16	51	3.19	7	43.8
Koen Casteels	Wolfsburg	20	62	3.10	8	40.0
Mark Flekken	Freiburg	20	62	3.10	8	40.0
Manuel Neuer	Bayern Munich	12	33	2.75	4	33.3
Frederik Ronnow	Union Berlin	16	48	3.00	5	31.3
Yann Sommer	M'Gladbach	10	47	4.70	3	30.0
Robin Zentner	Mainz 05	15	37	2.47	4	26.7
Lukas Hradecky	Leverkusen	19	58	3.05	5	26.3
Rafal Gikiewicz	Augsburg	16	71	4.44	4	25.0
Kevin Trapp	Eint Frankfurt	19	44	2.32	4	21.1
Oliver Baumann	Hoffenheim	20	57	2.85	4	20.0
Marvin Schwabe	Koln	20	46	2.30	4	20.0
Janis Blaswich	RB Leipzig	13	22	1.69	2	15.4
Jiri Pavlenka	Werder Bremen	20	66	3.30	3	15.0
Alexander Schwolow	Schalke 04	17	61	3.59	2	11.8
Oliver Christensen	Hertha BSC	20	44	2.20	2	10.0
Manuel Riemann	Bochum	20	77	3.85	2	10.0
Florian Muller	Stuttgart	19	53	2.79	1	5.3

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Note: Yann Sommer, who moved to Bayern in January, has kept one clean sheet in five games for the German giant

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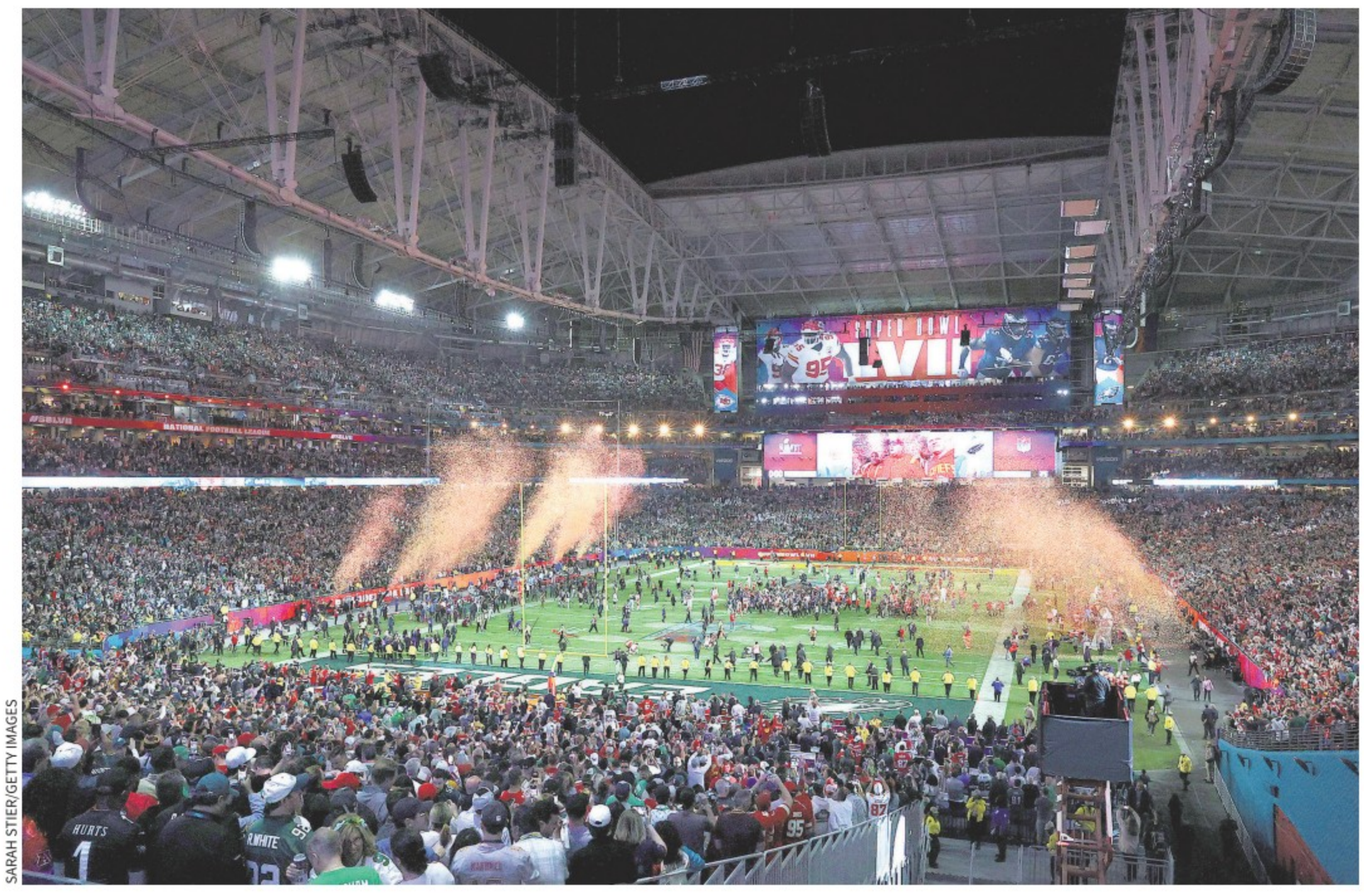
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Super Bowl fever

The Kansas City Chiefs team celebrates after defeating Philadelphia Eagles to win Super Bowl LVII at State Farm Stadium on Sunday.

The first Super Bowl involving both No. 1 seeds since 2018, it was the third-highest scoring game in the fixture's history, with the Eagles scoring the most points by a losing team. It was also the first Super Bowl match-up involving two brothers on opposing sides: Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce bested Eagles centre Jason Kelce to claim bragging rights.

Pop and R&B superstar Rihanna made a grand return to the stage for the halftime show, but the brightest star of the day — at the risk of angering Rihanna fans — was Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, who willed his way through an ankle injury to win his side its second Super Bowl title in four years.

It couldn't have been easy for Mahomes on the State Farm Stadium field, which drew strong criticism from the players who struggled to keep their footing.

One Eagles player said it was "like playing in a water park", but although Mahomes slipped, his passing quality did not.

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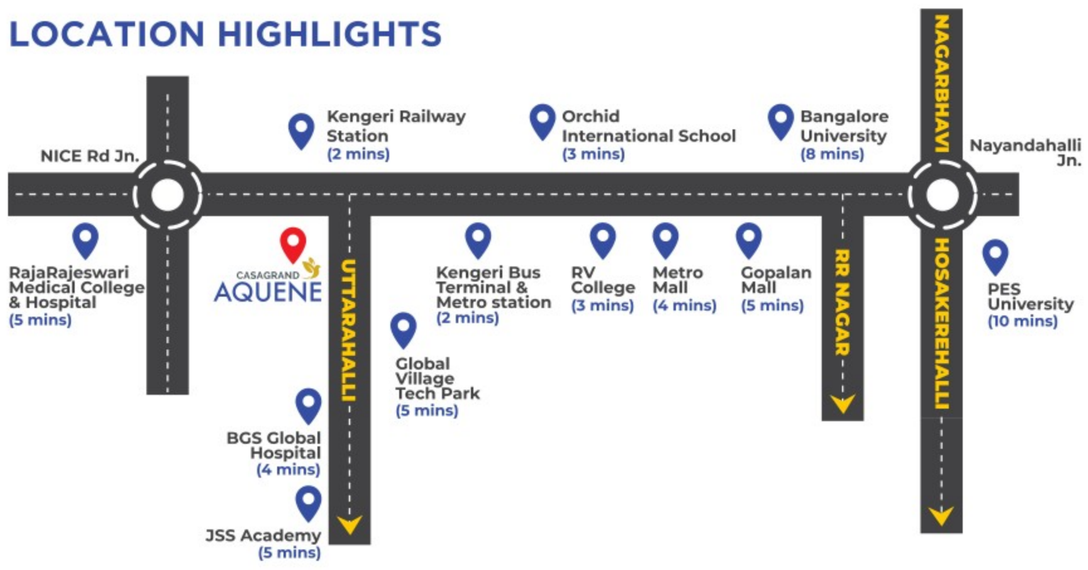

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- Aadhar Card of the Applicant (Student).
- Bank Account Details of the Applicant (Account should be linked with Aadhar & mapped to NPCI by the Bank).

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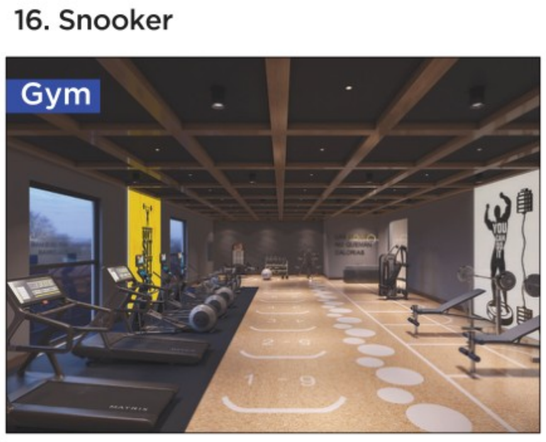

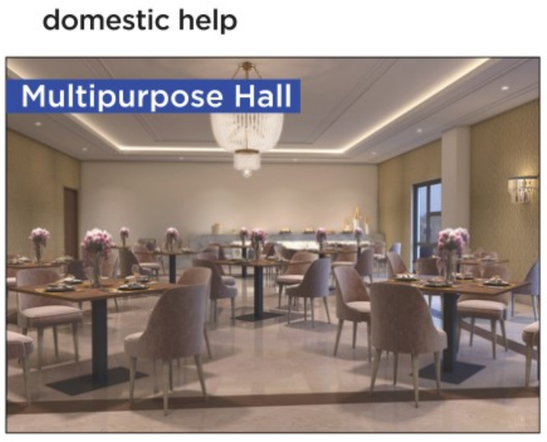

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Enticing display of stone art and natural stones

A wide range of sculptures, stone artefacts and even household items are on display at STONA 2023. A look by **Nandhini Sundar**

EXPO

A dip back into the history of architecture and buildings in the country reveals a continuous courtship with natural stone, be it granite, marble or any other variety. Not only were the iconic buildings of India built totally in stone, the buildings also served as a fertile ground for the erstwhile stone artisans to reveal their prowess, the astounding carvings on them continuing to leave the onlooker speechless even after many centuries.

Natural stone continues to hold this interest even in the contemporary scene, with strong aspirations displayed to incorporate them in the built spaces, either as flooring, as a highlight wall, as motifs to accentuate a particular décor, or as art pieces. Whatever be the theme of the décor or the functional use of the space, the presence of natural stone in some form is much sought after and held in high esteem.

Bengaluru is currently host to a stunning display of natural stones from various parts of the country and across the world at the 15th edition of the stone fair, STONA 2023.

The bi-annual four-day exhibition from February 15 to 18, hosted by the Federation of Indian Granite and Stone Industry (FIGSI), has over 3,000 stalls along with a special enclosure, Shilpgram, where 30 stone artisans from across the country are participating and displaying their wares.

Nature's imprint

The stalls have on display an immense variety of natural stones, each type coming in a range of finishes, be it matt, gloss, or leather, the rich display hosting stunning patterns of grain formations. The mind-boggling patterns and shades on these natural stones are the result of the fusion of metals and minerals, manifesting as exotic granular configurations and colours.

Be it a water flow pattern, colours miming the setting sun, a fossil imprint or a pattern akin to a splash of modern art, the range on display stands testimony to the ground conditions they were quarried from and the centuries of nature's imprint in their formation. On display are also a range of new varieties of granite from Rajasthan which include green, blue, yellow, brown and white colours.

Sculptural extravaganza

Shilpgram serves as another royal treat for the eyes to feast on, with a range of sculptures, stone artefacts on display. An exquisite Krishna sculpture with intricate carvings sculpted by renowned stone artist, Rakesh Kumar Maharana from Orissa, features at the entrance to the hall, leaving the viewer spellbound by the detailing and skill of the craftsmanship employed, laying the benchmark for more such artworks on display.

Depending on the intricacy of the carvings and size of the sculpture, each masterpiece can take anywhere from 3 months to 3 years for completion

Captivating

Be it a superbly carved Nataraja or the Ganesha in pink stone, the Buddha in onyx, or a range of smaller sculptures in soap stone and marble, household items such as pot holders, table fountains, trays, jewellery boxes, stone mosaic art made with waste stone pieces, the range on offer in Shilpgram is extensive and captivating.

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An artisan training institute from Bidadi, KPJ Prabhu Artisan Training Institute, also has its students displaying their sculptures in soap stone.

Imaginative carvings of daily life and household items on display at STONA 2023.

Addressing sustainability

Though natural stone continues to be much sought after both by architects and end consumers, questions have risen about the impact of quarrying on the environment, while the natural stone industry too has had to face multiple challenges to ensure its sustainability.

"Many quarries have been shut in Karnataka and this has impacted the processing units which are currently working at 30 per cent capacity and relying on raw materials from neighbouring States", lamented S. Krishna Prasad, General Secretary of the FIGSI.

"To increase sustainability of the quarries and facilitate ancillary activities, the area assigned needs to be increased to 5 acres from the current one acre, with the area addressing the ancillary activities situated within 2 km of the quarry zone", he added.

Multiple uses of quarry waste

Speaking on the disposal of quarry waste Prasad opined that the waste can be put to multiple use where sustainability quotient reigns high such as utilisation in making artificial sand, as aggregates, gravelling in landscapes, use in laying roads and other infrastructure related activities.

"The empty quarries can also be turned into rainwater harvesting ponds in States like Rajasthan", he pointed out.

Skill centres

As for skilling the labour employed in the industry as well as social and infrastructural development of the zones around the quarries, Prasad stated, "30 per cent of the royalty is assigned to the District Mineral Fund for rehabilitating the quarrying zones. The Federation of Indian Granite and Stone Industry is also setting up shortly skill centres in Jaipur and Hosur to empower labour in the industry."

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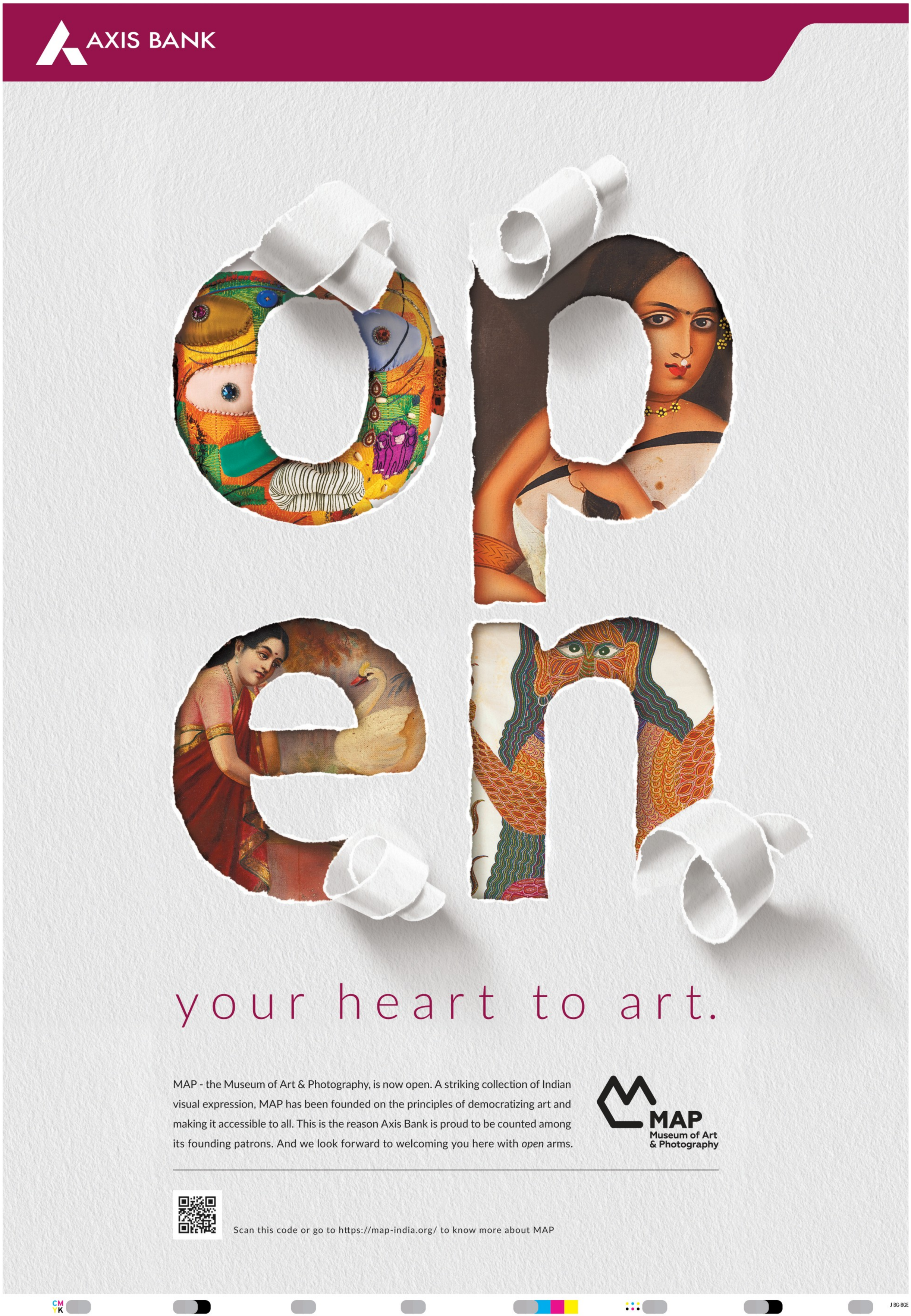

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As per the Govt. Notification dated: 04.03.2017 the present owner of the DRC/TDR has given the representation to the Bangalore Development Authority for Revalidation/Transfer/Utilisation for the DRC's issued by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

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List of land/building area surrendered and land owners for which Development Rights Certificate is issued.

Sl. No.	Address of the Plot/and/ building area	Public purpose the land/plot is required for	Dimensions of the Land/ plot Length X Breadth in Mtrs	DRC No. & Extent in Sq.mtr of the land/ Plot	Boundaries of the land/plot	Name and Address of the original land Owner of the land/ plot for which Development Rights Certificate is issued
1	Sy.No. 176/25, Bagaluru Village, Jala(H), Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	Widening of Kannur Mylanahalli Road (Bagalur Village) from Kannur Junction to Mylanahalli Village up to BIA Compound	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 3689 1740.25 Sq.mtrs	East: Road; West: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 176; North: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 176; South: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 176;	Smt Akkayamma W/o G. Muniyappa, # 487, Bagaluru Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.
2	Sy.No. 80/3, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru	Widening of Kothanur Road from Kothanur to Avalahalli via Bairathi Bilishivale Aduru, Bidarahalli & Hirandahalli	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 1976 220.00 Sq.mtrs	East: Road; West: Road; North: Road; South: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 80/3	Sri. Munihullurappa S/o Erappa, Hirandahalli Village, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru.
3	PID No. 72/1/4007, Indiranagara 100 Feet Road, Ward No. 71/112, Domlur LA No.97, CTS No. 3907P, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru.	Widening of Indiranagara 100 Feet Road	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 1768 137.10 Sq.mtr	East: 100 Feet Road; West: Remaining of BDA Site No. 4007; North: BDA Site No. 4006; South: BDA Site No. 4008;	1. Sri Mohammed Mouazzam Azeez S/o Late Abdul Azeez Memon. 2. Mrs. Farida W/o Late Nasiruddin Sagar. 3. Mrs. Adila Nasir W/o C.M. Navidulla, Flat No.2-D, Tangy Apartment, Dr. P.V. Cherian Crescent, Road, Ethiraj Salai, Chennai-600 105.
4	BBMP Khata No. 69/458/69, Hebbal Village, Kasaba(H), Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	Widening of Dasarahalli Main Road from NH7 to Dasarahalli Village	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 3351 3131.32 Sq.mtr	East: Sy.No 45/5; West: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 48/4: North: Sy.No. 45/4, 48/2, 4, 125/2,3; South: Sy.No. 48/4, 125/5 & 127	Sri A.L. Muthaiah S/o Late M.A.L. Alagappa Chettiar, #34, R.M. Vilas Extension, Sadashiva-nagar, Bengaluru-80. Sri. A.L. Annamalai, S/o Late M.A.L. Alagappa Chettiar, #221, Upper Palace Orchards, Bellary Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-80.
5	BBMP Katha No. 69/458/69/1, Hebbal Village, Kasaba(H), Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	Widening of Dasarahalli Main Road from NH7 to Dasarahalli Village	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 3352 767.72 Sq.mtr.	East: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 45/5; West: Sy.No. 45/4; North: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 45/5; South: Sy.No. 46 & 127;	Sri. A.L. Muthaiah S/o Late M.A.L. Alagappa Chettiar, #34, R.M. Vilas Extension, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-80. Sri. A.L. Annamalai, S/o Late M.A.L. Alagappa Chettiar, #221, Upper Palace Orchards, Bellary Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-80.
6	Sy.No. 111/2 of Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.	Widening of Kogilu-Sampigehalli Main Road from Kogilu Village bus stop to Shivaram Karanth Layout Railway level crossing via Sampigehalli & Agrahara	As per Survey Drawing	DRC: 3653 640.00 Sq.mtrs	East: Road; West: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 111/2; North: Road; South: Boundary of Agrahara Village	Sri M. Mariyappa S/o Sri Munilakshmaiah, #12, 3rd Cross, Mariyappa Block, Dinnur Main Road, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-32.

Sd/- Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagar Division, BBMP, Kumaraswamy Layout, Opp. Sagar Hospital, Bengaluru- 560 078.

No: EE/PD/QUOTATION/09/2022-23 **Date:16.02.2023**

RATE QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagar Division invites Quotations from the reputed Agencies / Suppliers / Distributors / Contractors for **Construction of Dr. Rajkumar Rangamandira including High Tech Gym and supply of various equipments at T.R. Nagar in Ward No. 167 , (Annexure-6, Sl.No. 191).** Interested bidders can submit their filled rate quotation forms on or before **27.02.2023 upto 4.00 p.m.** to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagar Division, BBMP, Kumaraswamy Layout, Opp. Sagar Hospital, Bengaluru-560 078. Quotations will be opened on **27.02.2023 at 4.30 p.m.** Contact No: 080-26669585.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagar Division

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-324-7/22-23/13411 Date: 16.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-35/Call-3 Dated:23.11.2022** for **"Hiring One Tempo Traveler (14+1) seater along with driver for usage by TLM S/d SRS Rajajinagar" pertaining to BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru."** The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'e-Procurement-KPTCL' or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 20.02.2023.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560009. Ph./Fax : 22386686-85

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No:08539–222318email:eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-1, 3 & 4:2022-23: 4902 **Date: 17-02-2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW- **1, 3 & 4** on e-procurement Portal, **Head of Account : Pragathi Colony/2021-22, 2059-Maintenance & 3054-SH Bridge Maintenance/2022-23.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **165214, 165215, 165296, 165295 & 165287 (5 Works)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **27-02-2023 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **28-02-2023 Time 16.30,** Last Date and time for opening of financial bid **03-03-2023 Time 11.00,** Max: Estimate Amount **Rs. 200.00** Lakhs & Min: Estimate Amount **Rs. 15.00** Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date of Pre-bid meeting & Queries/Clarification, as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/666/KSMCA/2022-23

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ. 2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಲೋ. ಇ. ಮೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ. ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 001.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080–2212 2856 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ : 080–2212 3368
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ : eeblgno2@gmail.com

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 53/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17–02–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ. 2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ – 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು : **Renovation of Office and Development work of KSHIP Office in Annex Building in the premises of Public Work Department. K.R. Circle, Bangalore. (KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 164737).**
ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕೆಲಸದ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : ರೂ. **4,72,17,137.92,** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : ರೂ. **7,09,000/–** (ರೂ. **1,00,000/–** ಈ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮತ್ತು ರೂ. **6,09,000/–** ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಗ್ಯಾರೆಂಟಿ ಮುಖಾಂತರ) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ : **06** ತಿಂಗಳು, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ : 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆ : ಒಂದನೇಯ ಕರೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **18–02–2023.** 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27–02–2023** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **4.30** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28–02–2023** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **4.45** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ನಂ. 2, ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಬೆಂ.ನ./4807/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2022–23

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065.

NO.EO/DB/STN/495/2022-23 **Date: 16.02.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KW3 from the registered KPWD/PWD/ Contractors/Reputed Firms for the work of Providing Temporary structure & Allied works for arranging 21st AGRI UNIFEST at GKVK campus from 13th to 17th March 2023, 5 Days (Call-2). The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website **https://www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.

The above work is under Two Cover system. The details for two cover system are to be uploaded as per Standard Tender Document.

The Pre-bid meeting will be held on **20.2.2023 at 10.30 AM.** The Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for uploading is **24.2.2023 upto 4.00 P.M**. The Technical Bid will be opened on **27.2.2023 at 10.30 A.M**. The Financial Bid will be opened on **01.03.2023 at 10.30 A.M**. For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or 8046010000/ 8068948777 on working days and this office during working hours, Phone No.080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer.

DIPR/CP/JA/4770/2022-23

City Corporation Office, Davanagere.
No.: DCC:EE1:E.Tender:37:2022-23 Date: 14.02.2023

Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender is invited in single/double cover system through e-procurement portal for 01 work – under 15th Finance Commission General Basic Grant for the year 2021-22, 01 work – under S.F.C. Open Fund 5% for the year 2022-23, 07 works – under Palike General Fund for the year 2022-23, 01 work – under Palike General Fund for the year 2021-22, 01 work – under Palike General Fund for the year 2023-24 – Total 11 Nos. of works. Eligible Contractors/Agencies/Suppliers can participate through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further details can be obtained through website of Mahanagara Palike www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in and e-procurement helpline phone nos.: +91-80 46010000, +91-80 68948777.
Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the tender: 04.03.2023, 16.30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of tender: 04.03.2023, 17.00 hrs. Date and time of opening Tender/Technical Bid: 06.03.2023, 11.00 hrs.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/922/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 Sd/- Executive Engineer (Civil)

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:29/2022-23
Date:13.02.2023

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist., As Per KW-3, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two cover) through e- procurement only vide No.29/2022-23, Date:13.02.2023 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization. Details:-7 works, Cost put to tender approximate Maximum amount Rs.84.65 lakhs and minimum Rs. 54.84 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 21.02.2023 to 01.03.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 02.03.2023 at 05.00 PM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

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SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E -TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.

Sl. No	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.				
1	Road ID 65,66,67,68 (Padma Nagar)	2023_SCTLT_ 551860_1	Rs. 2,90,89,323/-	18/02/2023
2	Road ID 41 (Kothuval to Sabhapathi kovil street Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 550644_1	Rs.4,57,70,352/-	18/02/2023
3	Road ID 42 (KK Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 550795_1	Rs.2,59,55,590/-	18/02/2023
4	Road.ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 550815_1	Rs.2,29,11,634/-	18/02/2023
5	Road ID 90A (Dharmalayam Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 551327_1	Rs.2,51,54,527/-	18/02/2023
6	Road ID 31A (Keezhe Thampanoor Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 551304_1	Rs.3,20,36,478/-	18/02/2023
7	Road ID 72 & 73 (Thyvila Road and Shanthi Nagar Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 551312_1	Rs.3,51,84,212/-	18/02/2023
8	Road ID 177 (Tamil School Lane)	2023_SCTLT_ 551536_2	Rs.1,38,49,968/-	18/02/2023
9	Road ID 178 (Vivekananda Nagar Lane)	2023_SCTLT_ 551354_1	Rs.1,47,13,233/-	18/02/2023
10	Road ID 180 & 181 (Kamukuvilakom Road and Ankalamman Nagar Road)	2023_SCTLT_ 551497_1	Rs.3,15,84,659/-	18/02/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail.
All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website.
Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(sd/-)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಸ.ನೀ. ಮತ್ತು ಅಂ.ಅ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಸವಿ:ಮಂ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕಶಾಖೆ:ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:2022–23:1676
ದಿನಾಂಕ :13.02.2023

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023

ವಿಷಯ : ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 12/2022–23, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.02.2023 ಅನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 12/2022–23, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.02.2023, ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ: 1642, ದಿ: 04.02.2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ–571401 ಇವರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು–1 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ "ಇ" – ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ 4702–ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ದುರಸ್ಥಿಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ–27 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ **ರೂ. 4.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ರೂ. 90.90 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.** ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20.02.2023 ರವರೆಗೆ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.02.2023ರ 17.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು "**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**" ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಶ್ಯ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಗದಿತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಲಂಗಳನ್ವಯ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23.02.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27.02.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ "**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**" ನಲ್ಲಿ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದು.

ವಿ.ಸೂ : ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು "ಇ" – ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಸ.ನೀ.ಮತ್ತು ಅಂ.ಅ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/650(ಎ)/2022–23

Open Day at IISc on March 4

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) will on March 4 throw open its gates to visitors on the occasion of Open Day.

IISc., in a press release said that the Open Day is typically organised close to the birth anniversary of its founder, J.N. Tata, as well as National Science Day. On that day, the institute will remain open for visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. People from all walks of life are invited to explore the campus and catch a glimpse of the exciting research conducted here. Students and researchers at the institute will showcase their work as well as new and exciting advances in science and technology for visiting enthusiasts. The institute will be abuzz with popular lectures, panel discussions, quizzes and competitions, the release said.

"Through Open Day, we hope to share the excitement of science and engineering with every visitor, and inspire them to develop the scientific temper necessary to become a responsible citizen," said G. Rangarajan, Director, IISc.

Entry to Open Day is free. For more details, visit https://openday.iisc.ac.in/

BBMP clarifies over allegation of missing names in voters' list

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In response to the allegation made by J.A. Kanthraj, spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Bengaluru, that his and family members' names were missing in electoral rolls despite staying in the same locality for over 20 years, the Assistant Commissioner (elections) of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has clarified that field verification and scrutiny of the electoral roll by the Electoral Registration Officer and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer found that are names are present in BTM Layout Assembly constituency.

Mr. Kanthraj's allegations were cited in a story, "Archdiocese of Bangalore raises concern over alleged missing of voters' names from minority communities," published on February 16. Responding to the BBMP's clarification, Mr. Kanthraj said, "After the story appeared, I got calls from the BBMP office. I was asked to submit my old voter ID, and after 30 minutes, I got a response from them that names were not missing from the voters' list. Why did they take so much time to check the names? My name was missing when I met the Chief Electoral Officer a few days ago. My name was not showing up in the search. I wonder how the name appeared after I met the BBMP official concerned."

Travel and Tourism Fair inaugurated in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The three-day Travel and Tourism Fair Bengaluru (TTF) opened here on Friday to a good response from 120 participants from four countries and 20 States and Union Territories in India. The show mostly focuses on southern India.

The organisers said this year's TTF was 50% bigger than last year's. They also noted that Karnataka was regarded as India's fourth most popular tourist destination, with 319 significant tourist spots. "After COVID, our economy saw tremendous growth in tourism in the domestic and international sectors. The G-20 event and the trade fair in the city have promoted Bengaluru not only as a tourist destination but also for other activities," said Kapil Mohan, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism Department.

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No. KPCB/170 /BLD/2022-23/7641 Dated:14.02.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (SHORT TERM TENDER)
(Through GOK e-procurement platform only)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Proposed Construction of KSPCB Regional Office building at Koppala. Approx Value of the work: **Rs.261.00 Lakhs**. All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

Tender Schedule	Dates
NIT Published Date	10/02/2023.
Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications	15/02/2023 up to 11.00 Hrs.
Date and Time for Pre-bid meeting	15/02/2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	20/02/2023 up to 17.30 Hrs.
Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	21/02/2023 at 17.31 Hrs.
Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	22/02/2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

For more details, please refer e-procurement web site: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA/4809/2022-23 **Sd/- Member Secretary**

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E-Tender Notice
e-procurement tender
National Competitive Bidding

CMRL invites digitally signed tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through National Competitive Bidding under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical & Financial) system for the works as detailed below:

Tender No: CMRL/DPR/MDU/2023- "Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Mass Rapid Transit System in Madurai".

For further details, please visit :
For NIT : **www.chennaimetrorail.org**
For Downloading Bid Documents : **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

DIPR/1058/TENDER/2023 **Sd/- Director (Projects)**

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BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK, BENGALURU - 83.
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No:A3/BBP/Tender/Civil Works/CR-17/2022-23 Date: 09-02-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru herein after referred as Tender Inviting Authority, has invited e-Tender from the Eligible PWD Contractors for **Carryout Civil Development Works at Bannerghatta Biological Park.**

Detailed tender documents may be downloaded from the Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Tenders may be submitted along with the prescribed EMD and tender fees electronically in e-Proc **on or before 22-02-2023 upto 4.30 PM.** Tender will be Opened on **25-02-2023 after 11.30 AM.**

DIPR/CP/4774/Adverto/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Director**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of The Executive Engineer, KBJNL NRBC Division No.5
Rodalbanda-584127, Tq :Lingasugur, Dist: Raichur

1)KBJNL/NRBC/D-5/PB /2022-23/ 836 Dtd:-13.02.2023
2)KBJNL/NRBC/D-5/PB /2022-23/ 838 Dtd:-13.02.2023
3)KBJNL/NRBC/D-5/PB /2022-23/ 839 Dtd:-13.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC Division No-5, Rodalabanda invites two cover percentage tendersfrom eligible contractors for AWP works for the year 2022-23.

1) Cover Type:Two cover 2) No of works: 5 3) Indent No's: 23738, 23739, 23991, 23992 & 23832 4) Access date for applying for tender: 17.02.2023 5) Date of pre bid meeting: 22.02.2023 at 11.00 AM 6) Last date for applying for tender 27.02.2023 till 5.00PM 7) Opening of Technical Bid: 28.02.2023 at 05.15PM 8) Opening of Financial Bid: 01.03.2023 at 11.00 AM (Tentative)

The tenders will be opened in this officeas mentioned in the above dates. Further information can be had from the office of undersigned during the office hours & also from e-procurement portal.

DIP/Raichur/625/ K.S.M.C&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Div No-5 Rodalbanda**

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/9085 Date: 16-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (04) Works under KKRDB for indent No163372. 164182. 165351. 164227., 2) Estimate cost: **Min Rs. 52.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 259.00 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class III,II, I. & above, 4) EMD AMOUNT : Min Rs. 89000.00 Max Rs. 325000.00, 5) Pre bid Meeting: **22.02.2023 (11.00 Hrs)**, 6) Last date for quries: **23.02.2023 (17.30 Hrs)**, 7) Last date for Submission of bid: **24.02.2023 (16.00 Hrs)**, 8) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **27.02.2023 (16.30 Hrs)** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **01.03.2023 (11.30 Hrs)**, 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Note: GST Will be Paid Separately, 12) Website: **www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in**

DIP/Kalaburagi/1301/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi**

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/3380 Dated : 15-02-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only.

1) Name of work: **Chincholi Taluka -01 (Indent No 54794),** 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-II & above, 4) Tender Amount : **Min 3,70,26,958/-, Max 3,70,26,958/-**, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **14-02-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **21-02-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : **22-02-2023 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **24-02-2023 11:00am**, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1305/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RDW&S DEPARTMENT
Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara
Office And EE : 08226-226054, E-mail : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 22/2022-23, Dated : 17-02-2023

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Dept, Chamarajanagara Division, **Chamarajanagar** Invites from eligible General Contractors (Category of Contractors will be as per E-procurement Portal) for the execution of **2022-23 JJM works of Chamarajanagara Taluk (32 Packages), Gundlupete Taluk (4 Packages) and Kollegal Taluk (03 Packages) in Chamarajanagara District under JJM.** The eligible Class-III & Above for General Category Contractor (Note: Category of Contractor to be procured in the bid document) are required to submit through E-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Notification includes **39** Packages/Works of Estimated Cost varying from **Rs. 102.41 Lakhs** to **Rs. 286.00 Lakhs.** Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only.

1	Date & Time of Publication of Tender	17-02-2023 Onwards
2	Last date of Submission of bids	23-02-2023 @ 17:00 hrs
3	Pre Bid meeting to be held on	21-02-2023 at 11:00 hrs Venue : Office of Executive Engineer, RDW&SD Division, Chamarajanagara-571313 or through Email : eerdwsd.chn@gmail.com
4	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids	24-02-2023 @ 17:10 hrs
5	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids	After Successful Technical Bid Evaluation

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Sl No	Appointment	Minimum Qualification	Number of Vacancies		Fixed Remuneration
			PC Yelahanka	PC Kolar	
01	Medical Officer	MBBS, Minimum 05 yrs of work experience after internship	02	01	75,000/-
02	Dental Officer	BDS Minimum 05 yrs of work experience / No work experience for MDS	01	01	75,000/-
03	Pharmacist	B. Pharma or 10+2 with PCB & Diploma in Pharmacy,Minimum 03 yrs of work experience	.....	01	28,100/-
04	Nursing Assistant	GNM Diploma/Class1course (Armed Forces) Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	.....	28,100/-
05	Lab-Technician	B.Sc Medical Lab Technology or 10+2 with science and DMLT, Minimum 03 yrs of work experience	01	01	28,100/-
06	Lab-Assistant	DMLT/Class1 Laboratory Tech course (Armed Forces) Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	.....	28,100/-
07	Clerk	Graduate/ Class1 Clerical Trade (Armed Forces) Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	01	16,800/-
08	Driver	Education-8th class/ Class1 Driver MT (Armed Forces)Posses a civil driving License(LMV)	01	01	19,700/-
09	Female Attendant	Literate, Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	01	16,800/-
10	Chowkidar	Education-8th class/ GD trade for (Armed Forces), Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	.....	01	16,800/-
11	Peon	Education, Class –B GD trade for (Armed Forces), Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	.....	16,800/-
12	Safaiwala	Literate, Minimum 05 yrs of work experience	01	01	16,800/-

2. For 'Terms & Conditions', Application Form, and Remuneration kindly see our website **www.echs.gov.in,** for additional details please contact Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) Yelahanka Tele NO: 080/28478088 and e-mail echsyel@gmail.com also approach concerned ECHS Polyclinic for details. Preference will be given to Ex- Servicemen.

3.**Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website**. Application as per requisite format along with **self attested photocopies of testimonials** in support of Educational Qualifications and work experience will be submitted to OIC, Stn HQ(ECHS Cell) Yelahanka by **04 Mar 2023** in duplicate, Any applications received after **04 Mar 2023** will not be accepted.

4.Interview Date, Timing & Venue : : Candidate applying for Medical/Dental Officer and Para Medical category must reach Stn HQ ECHS Yelahanka at **09:00Hrs on 09th Mar 23**, Candidate applying for Non Medical category must reach Stn HQ ECHS Yelahanka at **09:00Hrs on 10th Mar 23** for the interview to be held between **10:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs.** Candidate must bring all the original certificate/mark sheets/10th/Matric.10+2& Graduation/PG/Diploma/course, work experience and discharge book, PPO, service. Records and 02 PP size photographs at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidate meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.

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I.A.NO. 4 OF 2022,
I.A.NO. 3 OF 2022,
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O.S.NO. 168 OF 2020

NOTICE

M/s. Sri Venkateswara Packings,
- Rep. by its partner
Mr. S. Velusamy
- Petitioner / Plaintiff.
Vs
1. M/s. Weiben Clothing Proprietary Concern,
No.19, Ground Floor,
Near St.Antony Church, Kodathi,
Carmelaram Post,
Bangalore - 560 035.
Rep. by its Proprietor
- Respondents / Defendant No.1.
2. A. Amutha Rao
3. Minor. S.Gagan Prajit
4. Minor. S.Varshini
5. S.Guruvammal (Died)

The plaintiff above named has filed the above suit in **O.S.No.168/2020** on the file of the Principal District Judge of Coimbatore against you seeking for the relief of recovery of money along with an application in **I.A.No.2/2020** for attaching of properties therein. Further, applications in **I.A.No.3/2022** and **I.A.No.4/2022** are filed for impleading legal heirs of Late. S.Guruvammal which are pending for disposal and the same is posted to 3-3-2023 for your appearance. As such you are hereby informed to appear either in person or through counsel at **10.30 A.M on 3-3-2023** before the said Court, failing which, please take notice that the Court may pass suitable orders against you in accordance with Law. This is for your kind information.

// As per Order of the Court //

Mr. S.Chandrasekaran M.A.,B.L.,DLL.,
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, SRI KALAHASTHI
H.M.O.P.NO.51/2021

K.Yashoda @ Pavithra ... Petitioner
Vs.
P.Muniraju ... Respondent

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

To: **P.Muniraju, S/o P.Sreeramulu, Resident of 7/1, Dr.Building, A12, 2nd Floor, Opp. to Masjid, Soldevanahalli, Bangalore-560090.**

Where as the above named petitioner filed a petition against you for decree of Divorce. You are hereby directed to appear before the above mentioned court on 28-02-2023 at 10.30 a.m. either personally or through Advocate to answer the claim of the Petitioner, failing which, the petition will be heard and decided in your absence in accordance with law.

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Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TS/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/2758 Date: 15.02.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

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Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

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DIPR/SMG/No.145/Zenkar/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.**

"The double engine is not working. There is only smoke and no fire. Basavaraj Bommai can keep this Budget in a showcase. It is a Budget that signals the impending exit of the BJP, with elections close at hand.

SIDDARAMAIAH
Former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition

"With three months to go for the polls, this is a pointless Budget presentation without any concrete plans to resolve people's problems.

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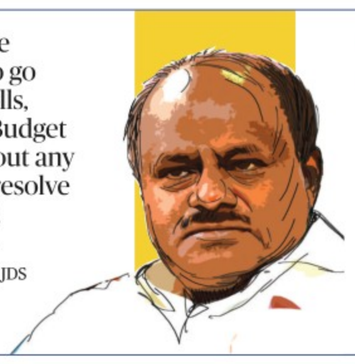
Former Chief Minister and JDS leader



"Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has delivered a Budget that is people-centric without being populist and provided an outlay of ₹9,698 crore for upgrading Bengaluru to a global city.

KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW,
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SNIPPETS

250 'She Toilets' in city

In his Budget speech, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that around 250 well-equipped 'She Toilets' will be constructed in heavily populated markets, mega commercial complexes, etc. in the city. "The state-of-the-art design will include toilets, feeding room, mobile charging facility, and emergency SOS services, and the project will be taken up at a cost ₹50 crore," he said.

₹300 crore to provide road link to Sir MV Terminal

In another major decision, the State government has made an allocation of ₹300 crore to provide a road network to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli. The swanky "airport-like" railway terminal was opened to the public last June. Passengers using the terminal have been facing problems due to poor road network and last-mile connectivity. To address the issue, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had proposed a rotary flyover connecting the terminal and South Western Railway (SWR) had given an in-principle approval for it.

Cauvery Water Supply Scheme to be ready soon

Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage-5 has been undertaken at an estimated cost of ₹5,500 crore with financial assistance of JICA and will be completed in 2023-24. Completion of the 775-MLD capacity scheme will help in providing potable water to 50 lakh people in the city, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. Financial assistance of ₹200 crore will be given to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board to implement projects. "Work on four effluent treatment plants with a total capacity of 440 MLD at a cost of ₹1,200 crore had been taken up under mega city revolving fund," Mr. Bommai added.

New airports in the offing

With air travel becoming a preferred mode of travel, the State Budget presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has paved the way for construction of new airports, upgrading existing ones, and completion of airports that are under construction.

Mr. Bommai said that in addition to five airport works already undertaken, administrative approval had been given for the construction of Ballari airport and that it would be developed under a PPP model through a competitive bidding process by beginning a new tender process. He said that for upgrading Mysuru airport, ₹320 crore had been allocated. The construction of two airports in Davangere and Koppal districts would also commence this year. "Feasibility report has already been prepared for the construction of airports in Davangere and Koppal districts. Steps will be taken to commence the construction work this year," said Mr. Bommai.

Projects worth ₹9,698 crore for city

The white-topping project of 120 km of arterial roads in Bengaluru at a cost of ₹1,000 crore and development of 300 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads in the city at a cost of ₹450 crore are the among projects announced

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Ahead of the Assembly and Bengaluru civic body polls, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced ₹9,698 crore worth of projects for the city's comprehensive development.

In his Budget speech on Friday, Mr. Bommai said under the Amrutha Nagarothana Scheme, projects worth ₹6,000 crore are being implemented in Bengaluru. The development of 108 km of roads has been taken up under the high-density corridors scheme at an estimated cost of ₹273 crore.

The Chief Minister said, "₹1,813 crore has been provided for the development of 195 km of drainage and culverts in the city to ensure free flow of rainwater and prevention of flooding." He said that to mitigate the ill effects of climate change and control inundation in Bengaluru, project assistance of the World Bank at a cost of ₹3,000 crore will be implemented. Last year, many parts of the city were flooded following heavy rains.

To reduce traffic jams, the government has proposed construction of a 5-km elevated road at a cost of ₹350 crore from Tin Factory to Medahalli. FILE PHOTO

The Budget tackles two of the city's pet peeves: bad roads and vehicular congestion. To reduce traffic jams, the government has proposed the construction of a 5-km elevated road at a cost of ₹350 crore from Tin Factory to Medahalli.

The white-topping project of 120 km of arterial roads in Bengaluru at a cost of ₹1,000 crore and the development of 300 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads in the city at a cost of ₹450 crore have also been announced. The government plans to repair the roads in 110 villages in the BBMP limits by providing ₹300 crore for their reconstruction.

The Union government has approved the construction of a satellite town ring road of 288 km at a cost of ₹13,139 crore, to reduce traffic congestion in the city. The state government has agreed to pay 30% of the land acquisition cost for this project.

Waste management

The government promised to take several actions for waste management. Auto tippers and compactors will be operationalised to collect dry and wet waste in the same vehicle. For waste processing, a modern technology-based odourless waste-processing unit will be established in each ward.

To provide health services at an affordable cost, apart from Namma Clinics in 243 wards and 27 innovative virtual clinics, which were approved in 2022-23, 50 dialysis beds and 300 bedded super-speciality facilities have been established, Mr. Bommai said.

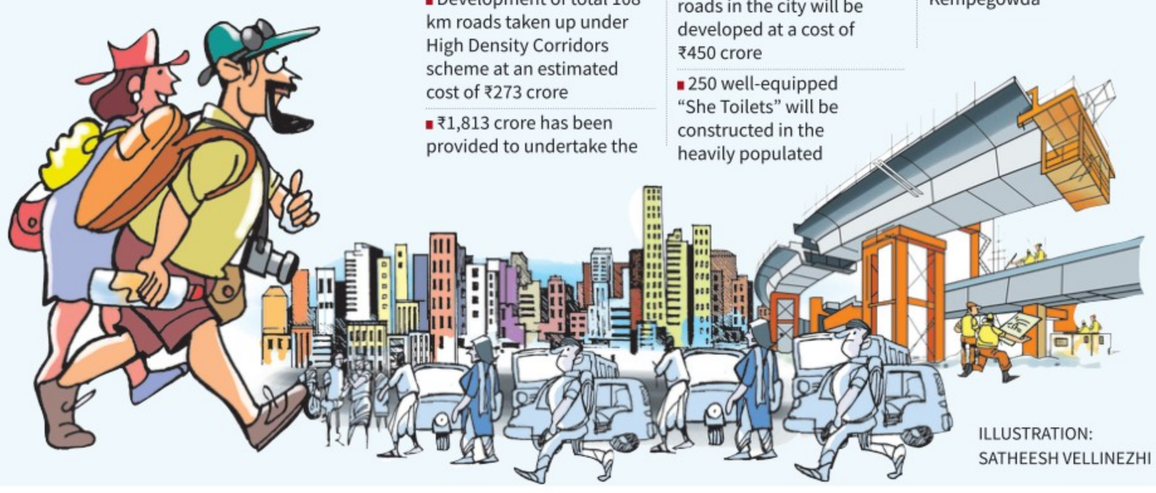
'Election-year Budget'

Activists pointed out that apart from being an election-year Budget and possibly short-lived, it needs to give more powers to the civic body.

"For the long-term success of cities, we must demand more powers and a scientific tax-sharing formula for all our cities. A big part of the Karnataka budget reads like a Bengaluru city budget. This year is no different - from waste management to Namma Clinics, it gets into the territory of city governance at ward level, while not giving powers and funds to BBMP and not even conducting elections," said Srinivas Alavilli, citizen activist.

What Bengaluru got in the Budget

- Government announces projects worth ₹9,698 crore for comprehensive development of the city
- State government allots ₹1,000 crore for suburban rail
- Access roads around Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal at Byappanahalli to be comprehensively developed at a cost of ₹300 crore
- Construction of a 5-km elevated road at a cost of ₹350 crore from Tin Factory to Medahalli and an integrated flyover from Yeshwanthpur railway station to Mathikere and BEL Road
- Development of total 108 km roads taken up under High Density Corridors scheme at an estimated cost of ₹273 crore
- ₹1,813 crore has been provided to undertake the development of a total 195 km of drainage and culverts
- 75 important junctions with highest traffic congestion to be developed at a cost of ₹150 crore
- White-topping of 120 km arterial roads in Bengaluru at a cost of ₹ 1,000 crore
- Arterial and sub-arterial roads in the city will be developed at a cost of ₹450 crore
- 250 well-equipped "She Toilets" will be constructed in the heavily populated markets, mega commercial complexes, etc. of the city
- Huge Statue of 'Sri Bhuvaneshwari Thaayi' and a theme park around it in Bengaluru
- A tourist circuit to commence this year consisting of the historical landmarks of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda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2,000 more police personnel for city

Imran Gowhar
BENGALURU

To maintain law and order in the burgeoning city, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday announced that Bengaluru police would get an additional 2,000 posts to strengthen the existing force at various levels.

Being short-staffed has been a longstanding grouse of the city's law enforcement agencies, more so since Bengaluru's boundaries as well as population have grown exponentially.

However, senior police officials said the Budget announcement would be of little help immediately to the short-staffed city force as by the time the proposed 2,000 police personnel join the service after their recruitment and training, which would take a minimum of two years, an equal number of police personnel would retire.

Other announcements

The CM also announced that four new traffic police stations had been set up in Bengaluru.

"In the current year, nine law and order police stations, five traffic police stations, and six women police stations will be established in Bengaluru," he said. To provide a modern touch to police stations, 116 new one had been constructed at cost of ₹240 crore, he said.

A sum of ₹348 crore was spent last year (2022-23) for the construction, upgradation, and modernisation of police offices and police stations in the State. Similarly, prisons have been constructed at a cost of ₹410 crore and modernisation of prisons has been undertaken at cost of ₹51 crore.

By establishing eight Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs) in the State, the waiting period for reports had been reduced from two years to one month. FSLs would be set up in Tumakuru and Shivamogga districts at a cost of ₹10 crore in the current year, he added.

Mr. Bommai announced allocation to improve the traffic scenario in the city. A total 75 junctions in Bengaluru would be developed at a cost of ₹150 crore which would be allocated for traffic control, he said. Artificial intelligence would be used for seamless signal synchronisation and other functions.

The duty allowance of 35,000 registered Home Guards who work as an assisting force in maintaining law and order would be increased by ₹100 a day. An additional 1,000 personnel would be recruited to strengthen the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force, Mr. Bommai added.

Tourism circuit planned in Bengaluru around historical landmarks

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday announced that a Bengaluru tourism circuit would begin this year covering historical landmarks associated with Kempe Gowda, the founder of the city.

The tourism sector saw some ambitious projects being announced with a major focus on the development of tourism in and around Bengaluru and in coastal areas, and heritage tourism. To further boost tourism activities around the city, Mr. Bommai said the work on the much-awaited Nandi Hills ropeway project would be completed in the 2023-24 financial year. This comes in the backdrop of inking a concession agreement with a private company for the project. The Budget has allocated ₹10 crore for the construction of a Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) property in Ramanagaram district on a 10-acre area on the backwaters of Manchanabele reservoir.

The estate at Thathaguni, which belonged to 20th century Russian painter Svetoslav Roerich and yesteryear actor Devika Rani, would be developed as a tourist destination, the Chief Minister announced.

"The JLR at Ramanagaram and the ropeway at Nandi Hills will benefit tourists. It will also help the livelihood of people who stay there as it will bring business. It will also benefit the drivers as tourists will drive from Bengaluru to these places. Overall, the tourism budget is good if it is implemented well," said Syama Raju, president, Karnataka Tourism Society.

Suburban railway project gets ₹1,000 crore; RTCs to procure 1,200 buses

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) received a much-needed boost in the State Budget with an allocation of ₹1,000 crore, which is likely to help the KRIDE (Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited) to expedite the project going on at a snail's pace.

In October 2020, the Union government approved the project to build four suburban corridors in the city. The Prime Minister laid the foundation last June and assured that the project would be a reality in 40 months.

In phase I, the KRIDE is implementing the Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara line. The contractor has started implementing the project after receiving a work order worth ₹860 crore. In his Budget speech, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the line would be completed by 2024-25. The agency has floated a tender to take up Heelalige to Rajanakunte line.

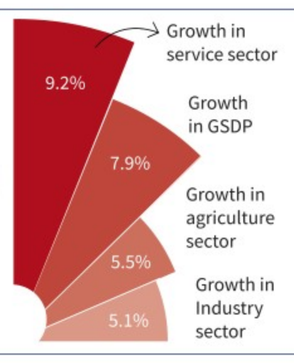
Rail activist Sanjeev Dyammanavar said, "It is a good move. The Central government too made an allocation of ₹1,350 crore in its Budget. For an early implementation of the project, KRIDE needs a full-time MD. In the past, the KRIDE faced problems with getting railway land. The State government is responsible for getting private land required for the project. On priority, authorities should address these issues and facilitate early execution of the project." The Namma Metro project also found a mention. The CM said once the Union government approves two corridors under Phase III, the project would be taken up. The total length of the proposed metro lines is 44 km with 31 stations. He said that 40 km of metro lines under Phase II would become operational this year.

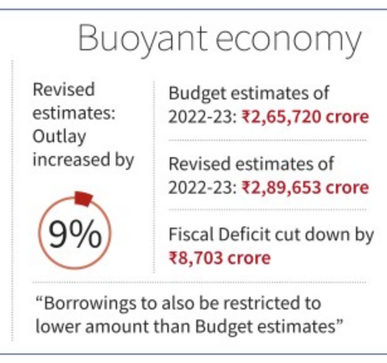
A file photo of suburban railway work under way at Hebbal Railway Station in Bengaluru.

The government has provided ₹500 crore for the procurement of buses by road transport corporations (RTCs) next financial year. This will help the four corporations to procure 1,200 buses. Mr. Bommai said, "It is for the first time that the government is giving such a big support for adding buses to the corporations."

He said in the current financial year, steps had been taken to induct 3,526 buses.

Bus commuters called the Budget a mixed bag. "We welcome the 'Makkala Bus Scheme' through which additional schedules will be operated across the State to benefit students. We are glad that the government recognises that access to education was suffering due to lack of public transport across Karnataka. The free bus scheme for women is a step in the right direction. However, if this is for the whole of Karnataka, the allocation is insufficient. Secondly, the unorganised sector women workers are the more vulnerable, therefore it is puzzling why the unorganised women workers are left out from the scheme," said Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike in a statement.

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Revised estimates: Outlay increased by
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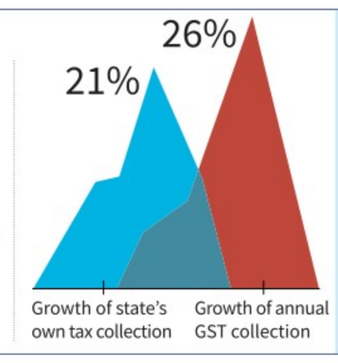

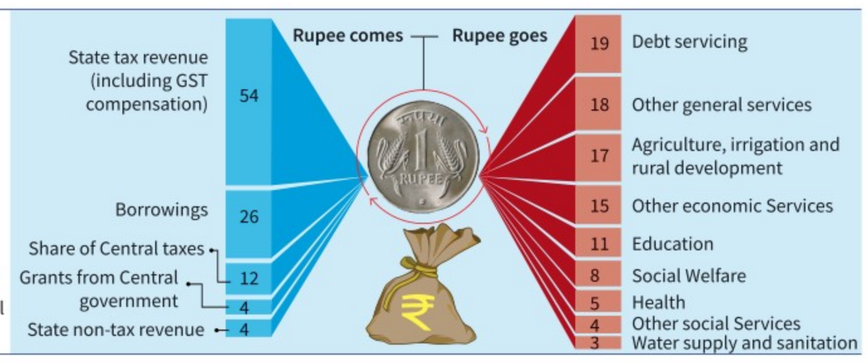

Financial aid and free bus passes for women to help only a limited section

Aid under 'Shrama Shakthi Yojane' is for landless women farm labourers and the free bus passes are only for women in organised sector

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Belying the expectation that the Budget would provide financial aid for women of low-income groups to manage households, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday scaled down the beneficiary group to only landless women farm labourers.

In January, he had announced aid to low-income groups to counter the Opposition Congress's poll promise to provide ₹2,000 to female heads of every family under 'Gruha Lakshmi Scheme'.

Presenting the State Budget for 2023-2024, Mr. Bommai said a new scheme called 'Shrama Shakthi' (under the 'Gruhini Shakti Yojane') is being launched under which financial assistance of ₹500 per head per month will be provided to the landless women farm labourers through DBT.

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In another move that is slated to benefit around 30 lakh working women, the Budget has proposed to provide free bus pass facility to all women working in the organised sector. A sum of ₹1,000 crore will be provided to this scheme, the Chief Minister said.

Besides, free bus passes will be given to school and college girl students of the State at a cost of ₹350 crore under 'Vidhya Vahini' Scheme. About eight lakh girl students will benefit from this scheme, he said.

However, women activists expressed scepticism of its reach. "In the previous Budget, they had announced a similar scheme for garment workers in Bengaluru. But it hardly materialised as 60% of the cost was supposed to be borne by factory managements, 10% by employees, 10% by BMTC, and the remaining 20% by the government. Except for a few domestic production managements, none were ready to pay. This announcement is just an eyewash. Announcing it only for women from the organised sector indicates this," said K.S. Vimala from Janwadi Mahila Sanghatana.

The Budget has proposed to address malnutrition and anaemia through a new programme 'Arogya Pushti'. On the lines of Mathrupoorna programme, eligible married women will be provided midday meal and prophylactic Iron-Folic Acid tablets in anganwadis, for a maximum period of six months, once in their lifetime.

The Budget has proposed to provide a community investment fund of ₹500 crore to 50,000 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at the rate of ₹1 lakh each under the 'Stree Samarthya Yojane'. In the current year, it is targeted to distribute a loan to the extent of ₹1,800 crore at zero percent interest rate to 45,000 women SHGs.

Department bifurcated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced bifurcation of the Department of Women and Child Welfare and setting up the Department of Child Nutrition and Department for Women Empowerment separately. This has been a long-pending demand.

Interest-free farm loans: Ceiling raised to ₹5 lakh from ₹3 lakh

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

About 30 lakh farmers stand to benefit as the Budget has earmarked ₹25,000 crore at 0% interest rate. FILE PHOTO

The State Budget presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday has proposed to increase the ceiling on interest-free loans being given to farmers from the present ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.

This would benefit about 30 lakh farmers as the Budget has earmarked ₹25,000 crore for disbursal for agricultural sector in the coming financial year at 0% interest rate.

The agriculture sector has grown at a healthy rate of 5.5% during 2022-23 despite erratic weather conditions. The total allocation for agriculture and allied sectors including irrigation has increased from the earlier ₹33,700 crore to ₹39,031 crore.

Revolving fund

The Budget has proposed to increase the size of revolving fund meant for taking up market intervention during the times of price crash through procurement of foodgrains under MSP scheme to ₹3,500 crore from the present ₹2,000 crore. "This is the highest quantum of revolving fund in the history of the State dedicated for MSP operations," the Budget states.

It has also announced an additional subsidy of ₹10,000 under 'Bhoo Siri' scheme for Kisan credit cardholders to help farmers purchase farm inputs in times of exigencies.

The scheme would benefit around 50 lakh farmers in the coming financial year.

The Budget has also announced an interest subvention scheme for loans up to ₹10 lakh taken through banks for a term of five years for well performing Farmer Producers Organisations under the 'Mukhyamanthri Raitha Unnathi Yojane'.

Two new schemes for conservation of water at a cost of ₹75 crore have been announced. They provide for development of 1,000 lakes under 'Sahasra Sarovara' scheme and development of wells, check dams, and canals in coastal, Malnad, and semi-Malnad areas under 'Sahyadri Siri' project.

Similarly, the State Budget has announced a new scheme, 'Jalanidhi', to improve the groundwater level by building farm ponds in farmers' lands.

A scheme titled 'Raitha Sampada' has been announced to promote processing and export of agricultural and horticultural produce at a cost of ₹100 crore through Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation.

FREE PASS FOR WOMEN BUS PASSENGERS
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Size of the revolving fund meant for procurement of foodgrains under MSP scheme increased to ₹3,500 crore from ₹2,000 crore.
Millet farmers to get an incentive of ₹10,000 per hectare
Education
Complete fee exemption for students of Government Pre-University College and Government Degree College benefiting eight lakh students
Additional 1,000 buses to be run exclusively for students as 'Makkala Bus' at the cost of ₹100 crore.
Power
Electricity subsidy of ₹52,950 crore for irrigation pump sets
Electricity connections to 2.35 lakh unelectrified households under Belaku scheme
Irrigation
Water supply from Yettinahole project to commence this year
₹5,000 crore grant for the Upper Krishna Project
₹1,000 crore grant for Kalasa-Banduri Nala diversion scheme
Health
10 mother and child hospitals at a cost of ₹165 crore
₹100 crore set aside for a new scheme to fight anaemia
Tourism
Development of monuments of Hampi under 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0' programme

Free education for govt. PU and degree college students

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced free education for government Pre-University and government degree colleges students under the 'CM Vidya Shakti Scheme' to enable all children who pass out of high school to continue higher education. This will benefit around eight lakh students of the State.

The education sector got the highest share of allocation with ₹37,960 crore (12%) in the Budget.

'Makkala Bus'

In the State, around 19 lakh school and college students depend on public bus service for education. The Chief Minister has proposed to launch 'Makkala Bus' scheme through which an additional 1,000 buses will be operated through KSRTCs at a cost of ₹100 crore.

To provide better basic amenities and proper learning resources to the children, the new Centrally-sponsored scheme 'PM SHRI' will be implemented at the cost of ₹100 crore. A grant of ₹100 crore will be provided for the construction of new schools in 23 taluks which do not have Karnataka Public Schools and for the development of functional 46 schools. The government also allocated ₹80 crore for construction of 5,581 toilets in schools.

In addition to this, in aspirational taluks, many initiatives will be taken-up in a grant of ₹ 135 crore.To encourage scientific temper and inquisitiveness in the students, "Srushti" tinkering laboratories will be established in 73 Karnataka Public Schools and 50 Adarsha Vidyalayas. To inculcate interest and awareness about current affairs, strengthening of libraries and establishment of reading corners will be undertaken.

'Abhyudaya'

A new scheme 'Abhyudaya' will be launched in association with J-PAL for taking up supplementary teaching to students of class 8 and 9 with an aim to improve the results of SSLC.

'Halli Muthu'

Under "Halli Muthu" scheme, the entire fee will be borne by Karnataka Examinations Authority for 500 excellent students who have completed their school education in rural government Kannada medium schools and have been selected for professional courses in government quota through CET.

Supply of water from Yettinahole project to start in 2023-24

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The State Budget presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday announced that it is proposed to supply water from the Yettinahole comprehensive drinking water project in 2023-24. It stated that the works on the first phase of the project have almost reached completion.

Hence, it had been proposed to supply water in the coming financial year by completing works of gravitational canal and feeder canals till Tumakuru district.

It noted that tenders had been invited for taking up tank-filling works in Kolar and Chickballapur districts and to take up works related to feeder channels in Srinivasapura and Kolar. The work would begin soon, the Budget said.

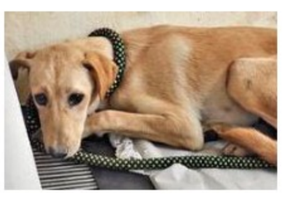
A grant of ₹5,000 crore has been made for the Upper Krishna Project while a grant of ₹1,000 crore has been given to the Kalasa-Banduri Nala Diversion Scheme to commence the work.

The Budget states that speedy action would be taken for implementation of this diversion project for which approval has been obtained from the Central Water Commission for the DPR for utilisation of 3.9 tmcft of water allocated by the Mahadayi Tribunal.

With respect to the Upper Bhadra Project for which the Union government has earmarked ₹5,300 crore by recognising it as a national project, the State Budget has only expressed its commitment for speedy implementation of the project and not made any announcements regarding financial grant.

Regarding the Mekedatu project, the Budget has said that action would be taken to get the suit filed by Tamil Nadu in the Supreme Court disposed at the earliest and implement the works.

In all, the irrigation sector has got an allocation of ₹25,000 crore.



On Mudhol hounds, strays

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The Budget announced an online scheme for taking care of stray dogs. Those interested in adopting strays can register through the scheme. The authorities will help with adoption. The Budget granted ₹5 crore to develop the Mudhol hound. To prevent cruelty against animals, a grant of ₹5 crore will be provided to the Animal Welfare Board.

₹10,000 per hectare to millet growers

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The State Budget announced an incentive of ₹10,000 per hectare to millet farmers under *Raithasiri* scheme to promote expansion of cultivation area, increase production, and improve productivity as part of the International Year of Millets. Also, in the newly announced 'Mukhyamanthri Raitha Unnathi Yojane', priority will be given for providing subsidy to Farmer Producers Organisations undertaking processing, grading, and packing of millets at field level, the Budget states.

Hi-tech cocoon market and flower market

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It has been proposed to build a hi-tech cocoon market at Shidlaghatta for ₹75 crore with NABARD assistance. This is to help silk growers in Kolar and Chickballapur. It also announced an international hi-tech flower market in Chickballapur and modern tech-based retail flower markets in Bengaluru and Haveri.

Mega dairy in Ballari

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In a bid to increase milk production in Kalyana Karnataka region, the Budget has proposed to build a mega dairy with a capacity of two lakh litres per day at a cost of ₹100 crore in Ballari district. Previously, the government had provided ₹90 crore to set up a mega dairy in Haveri.

CM proposes to spend ₹1,000 crore on temples and Mutts

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced a whopping ₹1,000 crore for comprehensive development and renovation of temples and various Mutts over two years. This is up from ₹425 crore set aside for the purpose in 2022-23.

The Budget also formally announced that "a majestic Rama Mandira" will be built at Ramadevara Betta in Ramanagaram district, a proposal championed by senior Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan. However, the Budget makes no specific allocation for the project. The proposed Rama Mandira and Anjanadri Hill in Koppal, believed to be the birthplace of Anjaneya, is being developed at a cost of ₹100 crore are being billed as projects complementary to Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

The Budget set aside ₹596 crore for 11 development corporations belonging to Backward Classes. In what appears to be a strategic move, unlike previous years, the Budget doesn't give a break-up of these allocations to individual caste-specific corporations and Mutts.

Continuing the BJP's bid to woo Vokkaligas to make inroads into the Old Mysore region, the Budget proposes to commence a tourist circuit of historical landmarks of modern Bengaluru's founder Kempe Gowda. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a 108 feet tall Kempe Gowda statue near the Kempegowda International Airport.

Despite being presented ahead of elections, the Budget makes no allocation for cow protection and only pays lip service recalling the State government's programme Gau Sampathu carried out the previous year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a 108-ft-tall statue of Kempe Gowda. FILE PHOTO

Gross State Domestic Product

Year	GSDP (in ₹ crore)
2019-20	16,11,134
2020-21	16,25,073
2021-22	19,62,725
2022-23	22,41,368

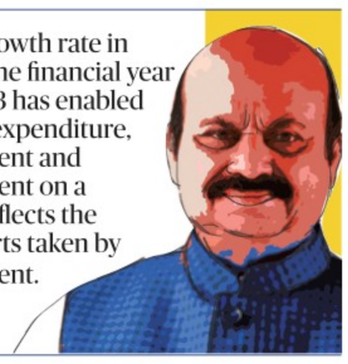
Falling share of Central taxes and Union govt. grants

Composition of revenue receipts as % of GSDP

	2017-18 Actuals	2018-19 Actuals	2019-20 Actuals	2020-21 Actuals	2020-21 Revised Estimates	2022-23 Budget Estimates
Share of Central taxes (%)	2.42	2.55	1.82	1.20	1.58	1.58
Grants from Centre (%)	1.17	1.05	1.18	0.90	0.97	0.97

"Higher growth rate in GSDP in the financial year 2022-2023 has enabled increased capital expenditure, attracting investment and creating employment on a large scale. This reflects the concentrated efforts taken by the State government.

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI
Chief Minister



Declining funds from Centre is cause for concern for Karnataka

State's overall share in Finance Commission grants has reduced to 3.17% in 15th Finance Commission, from 4.71 % in the 14th

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Despite a buoyancy in tax collection in Karnataka, which has enabled higher revenue receipts, the State has been constrained owing to the declining share from Central taxes as well as grants during the last five years, causing concerns.

While the share from Central taxes over the last five years has come down from 2.42% in 2017-2018 to 1.58% in 2022-2023, the trend of decline has been reported in the grants from the Centre as well.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and BJP legislators after the Budget presentation in Bengaluru on Friday.

The grants from the Centre declined from 1.17% in 2017-2018 to 0.90% in 2020-2021, the Economic Survey released by the government on Friday said.

It noted that Central grants, which are historically a major component of State Budgets, are expected to decline from 19.9% of the total revenue receipts in 2020-2021 to 11.73% in 2022-2023. "Compositionally, the decline is sharp in other transfers," the survey noted.

Similarly, during the 15th Finance Commission period, the State's share in the divisible pool of Central taxes has declined from 1.98% in the 14th Finance Commission to 1.5% in 2020-2021, and also during the five-year period of 2021-2026 period of the 15th commission.

The overall share of Karnataka in the Finance Commission grants has reduced to 3.17% in the 15th Finance Commission, from 4.71% in the 14th Finance Commission.

"An important and serious challenge for Karnataka during the 15th Finance Commission period is the decline in the share of the State in the divisible pool of Central taxes. Based on the 15th Finance Commission's own estimates, Karnataka could see the decline in Central tax transfers by about 24.5%, between the two commission's recommendations, which is going to pose a severe challenge for the State to cope in the next five years," the Economic Survey cautioned.

Meanwhile, on Friday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, presenting his second Budget, said that the State's share in Central taxes increased by 25% over the last year and is estimated to be ₹37,252 crore for 2022-2023 as against the revised estimate for 2022-2023 of ₹34,596 crore.

However, the grants-in-aid from the Centre has declined by 25% from ₹17,281 crore in 2022-2023 to ₹13,005 crore in 2023-2024.

State's debt servicing becomes costly

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The rise in interest payment from 1.22% in 2020-2021 to 1.56 % in 2022-2023 has been termed a cause of concern for the State, even as the outstanding debt increased from 21.35% to 26.64% of the GSDP during the pandemic. The servicing of debt is expected to increase by 7.66% in 2022-2023.

In 2023-2024, the outstanding debt is estimated to be about ₹5.64 lakh crore that is expected to be 24.20% of the GSDP. While the 2023-2024 Budget estimates the total borrowing at ₹77,550 crore, 19% of the total expenditure is allocated for debt servicing. This is 2% above the total expenditure allocated for debt servicing in 2022-2023, when 17% had been allocated.

As much as ₹34,023 crore has been earmarked for interest payment alone, up from ₹29,384 crore in 2022-2023.

As much as ₹22,441 crore has been earmarked for repayment of Union government loans and market borrowings. Currently, the State government's loan components are dues to the Centre at ₹52,391 crore, including ₹30,515 crore outstanding GST loans.

Others include open market loans at ₹4.13 lakh crore and negotiated loans from LIC, GIC, and NABARD at ₹15,280 crore.

ILLUSTRATION: SATHEESH VELLINEZHI

Gross allocation for departments in 2023-24 Budget

Department	Gross allocation (in ₹ crore)	Percentage %
Education	37,960	12
Water Resources	22,854	7
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	20,494	6
Urban Development	17,938	6
Revenue	15,943	5
Health and Family Welfare	15,151	5
Home and Transport	14,509	5
Energy	13,803	4
Social Welfare	11,163	4
Public Works	10,741	3
Agriculture and Horticulture	9,456	3
Women and Child Development	5,676	2
Food and Civil Supplies	4,600	1
Housing	3,787	1
Others	1,16,968	36

CM's promise on new pay scale

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who has not included a proposal on implementation of the 7th Pay Commission on the revision of salaries and allowances of government employees, told presspersons on Friday that the government is committed to implementing it.

He said a commission has been set up and after receiving its report, the government will decide.

Health: Many old projects being repackaged

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Although expectations were high on the allocation for health this poll-bound year, the overall funding for the sector has remained the same as last year – at 5% (₹15,151 crore) of the total Budget.

Most of the Budget proposals in the health sector are either continuation of old schemes announced last year or completion of unfinished projects. Most of the proposals clearly mention that remaining work of projects announced in the 2022-23 Budget will be completed this year.

Mane Manege Arogya

Repackaging last year's yet-to-be-started 'Mukhya Mantri Arogya Vahini' scheme, the Chief Minister announced the 'Mane Manege Arogya' scheme, under which health camps will be organised twice in a year in villages.

A file photo of the Koosamma Shambhu Shetty Memorial Haji Abdulla Mother and Child Hospital in Udupi. As many as 10 mother and child hospitals have been propsoed in the Budget.

The mobile clinics announced last year remain a non-starter. Cancer screening for early detection, which is also an ongoing programme, has been mentioned under a new name called 'Jeevasudhe'.

To avoid delay in providing diagnosis and treatment to heart-attack patients in rural areas, the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences had chalked out a heart-attack (ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction -STEMI) management project at the taluk level. Planned to be taken up under the National Health Mission (NHM), this proposal too was kept in abeyance for over two years. It has been included in the Budget this time and 45 taluk hospitals are proposed to be connected to Jayadeva.

Critical care

The Budget has proposed to start 50-bed critical care blocks in Kolar, Bagalkot, Yadgir, Gadag, Chikkamagaluru, Ramanagaram, Vijayanagara, and Doddaballapur; 100-bed critical care blocks in Tumakuru and Bengaluru; 10 mother and child hospitals at a cost of ₹165 crore, and IVF clinics in four Institutes of Medical Sciences of Bengaluru, Hubballi, Mysuru, and Kalaburagi at a cost of ₹6 crore.

C.N. Manjunath, Director of Jayadeva Institute, said the need of the hour is to reinforce and strengthen the existing facilities with adequate manpower to improve their functionality. "Critical care management at taluk and district levels should be strengthened," he said.

No new taxes proposed; exemption limit for professional tax raised

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With improved collection of taxes and the elections to the Assembly around the corner, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has not proposed any tax. In a relief to the lower income group, the tax exemption limit for professional tax has been raised from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per month.

Barring Mines and Geology, all other revenue generating departments have surpassed their targets. While the Commercial Tax Department has already collected ₹83,000 crore as against the target ₹72,000 crore, 15% higher than the target, the government has fixed a target of ₹92,000 crore, excluding GST compensation, for 2023-2024. In terms of stamps and registration, the department has already collected ₹17,000 crore against the target of ₹15,000 crore, 13% higher, and has been set a target of ₹19,000 crore.

To settle tax-related disputes in the Commercial and the Excise Departments, he also announced the 'Karasamadhana' scheme. A total of ₹15,771 crore remains as arrears in commercial tax and ₹613 crore in excise. According to the Budget, the scheme has been announced to expediously resolve pre-GST legacy tax disputes and to collect arrears promptly without litigation.

It entails waiving interest and penalties to those making full payment on or before October 30, 2023. Similarly, interest and penalty will be waived for those who make payment of basic amount relating to arrack/ toddy rentals on or before June 30, 2023.

Source	Target set for 2022-23	Actual collection in 2022-23	Target set for 2023-24
Commercial Taxes (Including GST compensation)	82,548	93,558	97,000
State Excise	29,000	32,000	35,000
Stamps and Registration	15,000	17,000	19,000
Motor Vehicle Tax	8,007	9,007	10,500
Mines and Geology	6,500	4,620	7,500

(In ₹ crore)

VIEWPOINT

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Professor at NIAS

Weak response to challenge of Budget-making on election eve

Election-eve concessions provide some glimpses of political strategy Chief Minister has in mind

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's Budget provides a weak response to the serious challenge of Budget-making on the eve of an election.

The ideal democratic response would be to develop a vote-gaining economic strategy that is reflected in the Budget. There was a time in the 1970s when such an approach was possible. But in recent years, Budgets have taken a more schizophrenic attitude, by pushing for jobless growth on the one hand, and the transfer of benefits to the poor on the other.

Glimpses of political strategy

The election-eve concessions in the Budget in fact provide some glimpses of the political strategy that the Chief Minister has in mind.

There is a predictable allocation for the renovation of Hindu temples and Mutts, apart from grants for specific temples. There is also a series of allocations for fisheries, indicating an effort to strengthen the coastal base of the BJP.

In addition, there is the announcement of the setting up of the Kittur Karnataka Development Authority for the development of, what used to be called, the Bombay Karnataka region, which includes the Chief Minister's constituency.

A predictable allocation for the renovation of Hindu temples and Mutts

There are also direct-benefit transfers to specific groups, including a new scheme providing ₹500 a month to women farm labourers.

Where the Budget is somewhat less convincing is in the growth-at-any-cost strategy that is expected to fund these welfare initiatives. There is already evidence that the government's unquestioning emphasis on high-speed mobility infrastructure could hurt the economic interests of more traditional industries, thereby increasing the need for welfare.

Much as we may celebrate the new six-lane expressway from Bengaluru to Mysore, it has hurt the demand for toys in Channapatna quite substantially.

The economic success that is needed for such a growth-followed-by-welfare strategy could also be constrained by initiatives that may not be fully thought through.

This is perhaps best seen in the proposed integrated townships in Mysuru, Chickballapur, Chitradurga, Haveri, Kolar, and Ramanagaram, through public-private partnerships. The successful townships have in the past emerged around individual large industries in both public and private sectors. But the association of the proposed townships with existing urban centres, rather than greenfield industrial units, brings with it the possibility of real estate initiatives that could go wrong.

Economic lessons not learnt

The Budget also does not suggest that recent economic lessons from Karnataka have been learnt. The approach to Bengaluru's traffic crisis has been to create new roads to enable faster traffic even if it means greater distances. While this might lead to faster traffic, at least to begin with, it does nothing to reduce the number of vehicles on Bengaluru's roads at any given point of time.

A more serious concern lies in what it chooses to ignore. Karnataka has moved increasingly into a Bengaluru-centric growth strategy. There is little in the Budget to suggest an effort to develop alternative growth centres.

There are relatively small towns that have shown inherent growth tendencies. While the Budget does pay attention to the coast, these urban centres do not receive any special attention.

With even relatively better off regions like coastal Karnataka not receiving attention in urbanisation, it is no surprise that the larger challenge of dealing with poverty in the economically backward parts of the State has not received any attention at all.

This is rather unfortunate as the opportunity provided by the increased tax collection this year may not be available to the Finance Ministers that follow.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Jonathan Anthony Mason
10 Jan 1945 - 17 Feb 2023

Teacher, writer, doting father and grandfather, adoring husband, caring family person, a community builder and a person who brought people together, has left his physical form. He leaves a legacy that will be hard to emulate. Details of the cremation in Chennai available from 9871124263.

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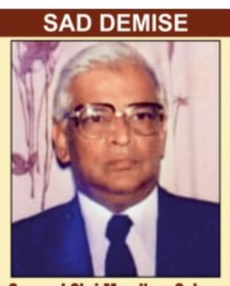

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Attained the lotus feet of Lord Dhandayuthapani, in Chennai on February 17th, 2023.

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E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 28/2022-23

Item rate tender are invited in Single cover system for the work of **"Construction of RCC Compound wall behind the repair bay at Depot-37, Kengeri, Benglauru". Amount put to tender: Rs. 21.72 Lakhs, EMD: Rs. 43,500 /-**. The tender is invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement ordinance of 2000, and Act 2000, from Class-II & Above Civil **Contractors/Firms** registered in Karnataka CPWD/MES and KPWD. In e-Procurement the contractors/firms will have to upload all informations, documents and rates etc in website only. i.e. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted in person physically. **(1)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **27.02.2023**, Date of opening of tender: **01.02.2023. (2)** Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Siddegowda S/o Gujjegowda and Smt. Sundari W/o H.C.Kalegowda have applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No: 31/4 Extent 00 Acre-30 Guntas and Sy.No:57/17 Extent 01 Acre-10 Guntas totally measuring 02 Acre of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1) If these lands are developed, therein well developed sites/houses will be available to all.
2) If these lands are developed, job facilities will be available to all sectors of labours.
3) If these lands are developed the surrounding area will also get developed.
4) If these lands are developed, good roads civic amenity sites and parks etc, will be available for General Public.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 15 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

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Panel discussion in Bengaluru today

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DST-Centre for Policy Research (CSP), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, and Open Science South Asian Network (OSSAN) are jointly organising a panel discussion on Saturday titled 'From science to innovation - pandemic stories from IISc and beyond'.

The event will be held at Biological Sciences Auditorium and (online) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For details, visit DST Centre for Policy Research - IISc. (dstcpriisc.org)

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ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಎ)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಎ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಬಿ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	**7**
ಒಟ್ಟು	**7**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**14**

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 23.11.2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಯರಗಟ್ಟಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು/ಲೋಡರ್/ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಯರಗಟ್ಟಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ:ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ:07:ಸಿಆರ್–61:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ನಂ:ನಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022(ಭಾ–2)(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿ: 23.12.2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅಂಕಲಗಿ–ಅಕ್ಕತಂಗೇರಹಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂಕಲಗಿ–ಅಕ್ಕತಂಗೇರಹಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–03–2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ, ಅಂಕಲಗಿ–ಅಕ್ಕತಂಗೇರಹಾಳ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 23. ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17000–28950.

ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ/ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	**4**
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಎ)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	**10**
ಒಟ್ಟು	**9**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**23**

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 23.11.2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಅಂಕಲಗಿ–ಅಕ್ಕತಂಗೇರಹಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು/ಲೋಡರ್/ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂಕಲಗಿ–ಅಕ್ಕತಂಗೇರಹಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ:ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ:07:ಸಿಆರ್–52:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ನಂ:ನಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022(ಭಾ–2)(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿ: 23.12.2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಾಗನೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನಾಗನೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–03–2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ, ನಾಗನೂರ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 22. ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17000–28950.

ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ/ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಎ)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	**10**
ಒಟ್ಟು	**9**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**22**

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 23.11.2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ನಾಗನೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು/ಲೋಡರ್/ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ನಾಗನೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ:ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ:07:ಸಿಆರ್–54:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ನಂ:ನಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022(ಭಾ–2)(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿ: 23.12.2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಎಂ.ಕೆ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಎಂ.ಕೆ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–03–2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ, ಎಂ.ಕೆ. ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 20. ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17000–28950.

ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ/ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**

From Page One

Bommai strikes a balance between pragmatism and populism in Budget

Keeping an eye on the women electorate, he proposed to increase monthly honorarium by ₹1,000 for anganwadi workers, cooks, and assistants under midday meal, ASHA volunteers, and librarians. The honorarium was increased by ₹ 1,000 last year also.

The other major proposals included free bus pass facility to all women working in the organised sector and ₹1,000 crore will be provided for the scheme which will benefit 30 lakh women, ₹500 per head per month to the landless women farm labourers, "Manege Arogya" scheme for health check-up of rural masses twice a year, gratuity for anganwadi workers, and assistants, and jobs to 88 lakh people under MGNREGA by spending ₹1,800 crore.

For students pursuing higher education, the government proposed to provide free education in government PU and degree colleges under the CM Vidya Shakti Scheme, which would benefit eight lakh students. For providing bus service for students, he proposed to launch the "Makkala Bus" scheme by operating 1,000 additional schedules through road transport corporations, which would benefit an additional two lakh students. A decision has been taken to provide free bus pass facility to all school and college girl students of the State.

Professional tax exemption

It has proposed to amend the Professional Tax Act for providing relief to lower income class by raising the tax exemption limit from ₹15,000 to ₹ 25,000 per month for salaried and wage earning employees.

With increased revenues, the capital expenditure is estimated to increase to ₹61,234 crore in 2023-24, as against ₹46,955 crore in 2022-23, an increase of 30.4%.

Per capita income

The per capita income in the State rose from ₹2.04 lakh in 2021-22 to ₹3.32 lakh in 2022-23. The government has an ambition to convert Karnataka's GDP into one trillion dollar economy and for this purpose, a high-level committee has been set up, Mr. Bommai said.

In all parameters, the Budget maintained fiscal discipline with revenue surplus (₹402 crore), fiscal deficit less than 3%, debt within 25% of GSDP.

Congress mocks Budget; says people have been fooled

It is a stock clearance sale similar to what is on display at annual fairs, says Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar during the presentation of the Budget on Friday. ANI

Launching a unique protest against what they termed as "unfulfilled promises" of the BJP government, Congress leaders started a "kivi mele hoova" (a Kannada expression that implies fooling people) campaign during the Budget presentation on Friday. Congress members attended the presentation with flowers tucked behind their ears.

On its official account, the Karnataka Congress said that both in Central and State Budgets people had been fooled.

Reacting to the Budget, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said: "The double engine is not working. There is only smoke and no fire Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai can keep this budget in a showcase." He said that the Budget was meaningless when 90% of the 600 promises made in the manifesto by BJP in 2018 had not been implemented. "Of the 206 new programmes announced in last year's Budget, 57 have not been implemented. So what is the point of this Budget," he asked. Calling the Budget "short-sighted", KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said: "Why has the BJP government, which had advertised in a big way that they will give ₹2,000 per woman, reduced it to ₹500? Job creation, empowerment of farmers, relief against inflation, efforts to save workers and employers have definitely not been made. It is a short-sighted Budget."

Former CM and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy termed the Budget as a "stock clearance" sale similar to what is on display by shopkeepers in annual fairs. "With three months to go for the polls, this Budget is a "namesake" presentation without any concrete plans to resolve people's problems. The BJP has destroyed the State financially in the last three years," Kumaraswamy said. On the Rama mandir in Ramanagaram, he said: "This proposal will remain only in the Budget book."

'Speed up trial in actor assault case'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed a trial court in Kerala to expeditiously proceed with the recording of the testimonies of 32 witnesses left in a 2017 actor sexual assault case in which Malayalam actor Dileep is an accused.

A Bench led by Justice J.K. Maheshwari listed the case on March 24. The court recorded that the parties involved should cooperate with the timely conduct of the trial. The trial judge was asked to submit a progress report.

Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Siddharth Dave accused the State of Kerala of delaying the trial every time it came close to completion. "Every time the deadline comes close they file an application for additional witnesses," Mr. Rohatgi argued.

He submitted that many of the additional witnesses which the prosecution seeks to examine were "irrelevant" to the case. Mr. Rohatgi said 237 witnesses had already testified in the trial. Senior advocate R. Basant, for the survivor, objected to the line of argument. He said the accused cannot determine which witness was relevant or irrelevant. It was the forte of the State. "The crime committed is gruesome," Mr. Basant said. Senior advocate Ranjit Kumar and advocate Nishe Rajen Shonker, for the State, said the examination of the remaining witnesses would take 30 working days. In the previous hearing on February 13, the apex court had expressed its exasperation at the "protracted trial" before the Ernakulam court.

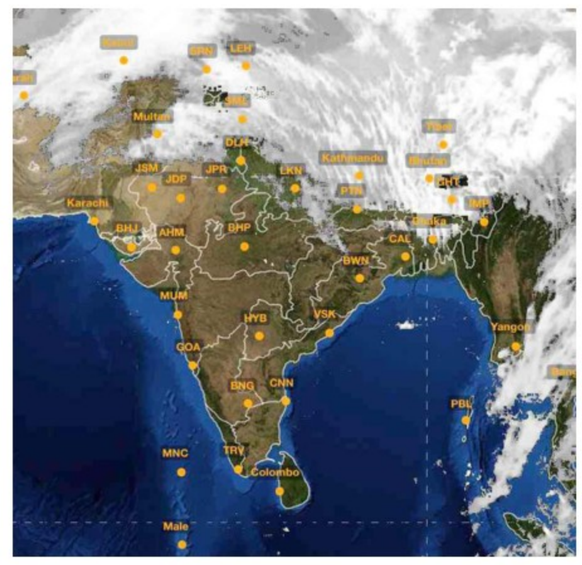
On September 5, the Bench had directed the trial to proceed on a day-to-day basis.

Dileep had at the time filed an application in the Supreme Court saying the trial was being "protracted at the instance of the prosecutrix so as to evade a final verdict". He had also complained to the top court that the trial had not proceeded expeditiously. He had alleged that he was subjected to a media trial.

The apex court had directed the trial court in Kerala to complete the trial preferably before January 31, 2023.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.1	14.2	Kozhikode	—	34.2	24.3
Ahmedabad	—	37.3	14.3	Kurnool	—	36.3	18.2
Aizawl	—	30.6	8.2	Lucknow	—	28.8	14.2
Allahabad	—	29.4	12.0	Madurai	—	34.0	19.2
Bengaluru	—	31.1	16.6	Mangaluru	—	34.8	21.9
Bhopal	—	31.0	13.6	Mumbai	—	35.8	19.2
Bhubaneswar	—	33.8	20.3	Mysuru	—	33.0	15.6
Chandigarh	—	28.6	14.3	New Delhi	—	29.8	12.8
Chennai	—	31.6	21.0	Patna	—	29.1	13.5
Coimbatore	—	32.5	18.6	Port Blair	0.4	30.0	24.8
Dehradun	—	27.3	11.6	Puducherry	—	32.0	19.6
Gangtok	—	18.6	10.0	Pune	—	35.1	15.0
Goa	—	35.8	20.1	Raipur	—	32.1	18.3
Guwahati	—	30.0	13.8	Ranchi	—	27.2	12.4
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	20.1	10.5
Hyderabad	—	33.6	17.1	Shimla	—	21.1	11.8
Imphal	—	29.1	10.5	Srinagar	—	18.2	2.8
Jaipur	—	32.0	15.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.4	22.5
Kochi	—	31.0	23.4	Tiruchi	—	32.7	20.0
Kohima	—	20.4	8.2	Vijayawada	—	32.2	20.8
Kolkata	—	28.7	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.1	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.38	206	.41	...178	...168	
Bengaluru	...4	..27	.21	...186	...107	
Chennai	.22	..41	.44	...231	...145	
Delhi	.16	..96	.56	...405	...404	
Hyderabad	...5	..51	.38	...139	...148	
Kolkata	...9	..13	.55	...202	...124	
Lucknow	.16	..79	.93	...293	...257	
Mumbai	.35	..54	119	...336	...232	
Pune	.87	131	114	...258	...144	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..40	.38	...111	...137	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 434 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 38

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

Re-Tender Notification No. 62/EE/RDW&SD/RMG/TENDER/AE-2/JJM/2299/2022-23/Call-4 Date : 17.02.2023

The RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Single & Two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 - STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-2 & KW-3 for water supply works **under JJM** through e-procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

* **Max Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 80.01 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 1,60,000.00/-**
* **Min Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 40.31 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 81,000.00/-**
* **Period of Contract: 06 Months**
* **Last Date for submission of Tender : 04-03-2023 Upto 5.00 P.M.**
* **Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 06-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards**
* **Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 08-03-2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.**

For further particulars / details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6), Annexe-2 Building, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/PC-6/TEND/8/2022-23 **Date: 17-02-2023**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the Construction of the Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	EMD (in Rupees)
1	"Consultancy Services including Proof Checking for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the Work of Development of Banasawadi 8th Main Road City".	Rs. 73500/- (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Calendar of Events: 1) The Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries is **21-02-2023 upto 17.30 Hrs. in e-Portal Only. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **23-02-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer - Project Central. 4)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 17.30 Hrs. on 27-02-2023. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **01-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer - Project Central-6, BBMP.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL MBC Division No.1
Gaddanakeri, Camp.Bagalkote Ph.No. 08354-297046,
Email ID- eeknnlbgk@gmail.com

No. KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/1968&1969 **Date: 17.02.2023**

CORRIGENDUM 2

Ref: 1) T.O Tender Notification No: KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/1836 Dated: 04.02.2023,2) T.O Tender Notification No: KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/ 1837 Dated: 04.02.2023, 3) T.O Corrigendum No:KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/ 1918 Dated: 13.02.2023, 4) T.O Corrigendum No:KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/ 1919 Dated: 13.02.2023

Tender Dates for the Works ('Anawal LIS Stage 1 – Indent no. 35771' & 'Shirur LIS Stage 1- Indent no. 34080') are modified as follows:

1.Tender documents maybe downloaded and filled bids may be submitted through e-procurement portal upto 21.02.2023 till 16.00 hours, 2.Date of opening of Tender, a)Technical bid:22.02.2023, 16.30 hours, b)Financial bid: After approval of Cover-1,3.Other details, terms and conditions remain same, 4.Further information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone 08354-297046 and e-procurement helpline and see the tender details on website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL MBC Dn .No.1 Gaddanakeri, Camp-Bagalkote

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Corrigendum Notification No: 44-05/2022-23 Dated: 15.02.2023

With reference to this office Tender Notification No.: **44/2022-23 Dated: 17.01.2023** Corrigendum is issued with the Calendar of events as mentioned below :

For Sl No. 3 Work : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **15.02.2023 onwards**.
2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 17:00 hours on dated **22.02.2023.**
3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **23.02.2023 at 17.30 hours** or further date and time to be intimated.Note: All other conditions of tender notification remain unaltered.

For more details contact this officer or can be had from e-procurement portal (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIPR/CP/4795/Zen/2022-23 **PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ:ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ:07:ಸಿಆರ್–48:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ನಂ:ನಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022(ಭಾ–2)(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿ: 23.12.2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಶೇಡಬಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಶೇಡಬಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–03–2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ, ಶೇಡಬಾಳ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 23. ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17000–28950.

ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ/ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	**4**
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಎ)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	**10**
ಒಟ್ಟು	**9**	**6**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**23**

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 23.11.2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಶೇಡಬಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು/ಲೋಡರ್/ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶೇಡಬಾಳ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ:ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ:07:ಸಿಆರ್–44:2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.02.2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ನಂ:ನಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022(ಭಾ–2)(ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿ: 23.12.2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಾಯಬಾಗ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ರಾಯಬಾಗ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–03–2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ, ರಾಯಬಾಗ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು. ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 06. ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17000–28950.

ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ/ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಎ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2(ಬಿ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಎ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–3(ಬಿ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಒಟ್ಟು	**4**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6**

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿ: 23.11.2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ರಾಯಬಾಗ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು/ಲೋಡರ್/ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ರಾಯಬಾಗ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

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Going off-course

The Centre's suggestions on changes in MGNREGS seem misguided

A key to the success of any welfare programme is the conviction in its implementation. In the 17 years since the MGNREGS has been implemented, studies have asserted its net positive impact in the rural areas. From reducing penury through providing off-season employment, and thereby improving household consumption among the invariably poor citizens who avail the scheme, to acting as insurance during monsoon deficient seasons, besides allowing for greater food security through increased productivity helped by the works generated, the scheme continues to be a robust welfare tool. This was even clearer during the pandemic, when thousands of migrant workers who left urban areas due to the lockdowns took up work under the MGNREGS in rural areas where demand for the menial but arduous work peaked. There is of course the case that the scheme has still not transcended into creating more useful assets beyond roads and irrigation canals and requires broadbasing and better implementation. But it must be said that the Union government's treatment of the scheme has graduated from a case of lukewarm acceptance of its need because of its popular impact to treating it as a fiscal burden.

Such a reading can be justifiably made if the reduced allocation for the scheme in the Union Budget, from 2.14% of overall outlay in FY23 to 1.33% in FY24, is considered. This was despite implementation in recent years experiencing wage delays and underfunding. This has also depressed demand, with formal requests for work only being a portion of the actual demand. Also, there is much evidence that Aadhaar-based payments have neither reduced corruption nor reduced wage payment delays while creating hurdles for officials and workers during implementation. Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh has now said that the Act should be amended to change the contribution of funds from 100% by the government to a 60-40 split between the Centre and the States in order to make States "more vigilant regarding corruption". But this will only lead to further complications in funding. There has been a shrinking in the States' share of taxes following GST and the financial stresses during the pandemic. States taking up 40% of the funding burden would affect the payment of wages even further. Besides, MGNREGS is a demand-driven programme and salient especially in poorer States and it is incumbent upon the Centre to ensure its robust funding instead of putting the onus on individual States to do so. The government must change its approach towards the MGNREGS by recognising its potential in catering to the poor's right to work.

Executive fiat

Parliament should remain a forum for free debate and discussion

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has stood by his statements made during his speech in the Lok Sabha on February 7, in his response to a charge of breach of privilege of the House that was raised by a Bharatiya Janata Party member and a Union Minister. It is strange that a Member of Parliament, whose duty it is to hold the executive accountable to Parliament, is being accused of breach of privilege of the House for seeking answers on crucial issues. Portions of Mr. Gandhi's speech, made during a discussion on the 'Motion of Thanks on the President's Address', that referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ties with industrialist Gautam Adani were expunged from the record of the House. When a member's own rights are being curtailed in the name of parliamentary privilege, the very concept is being reduced to an instrument of executive fiat. Mr. Gandhi raised pertinent questions regarding the political patronage received by the Adani Group, which is in the eye of a storm after a short seller based in the United States brought to light dubious patterns in the group's transactions and ownership. The government has not provided any answers. And, on top of it, the sword of privilege is being wielded against the Opposition leader. The expectations from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha are to protect the majesty of Parliament, particularly in its interactions with other branches of the state, rather than disciplining the members.

The parliamentary discussions on the Adani controversy, which were vitiated by the unreasonable restrictions on Opposition leaders, follow a devious trend of executive imperium over the legislative branch in some States too. Chief Ministers of many States command supreme powers – they control their parties, dominate over the Opposition, and take Assemblies for granted. Assembly sittings have become fewer and debates shallow. The argument that popular leaders now make is that they are answerable to the people directly – Mr. Modi also invoked the 'blessing of 140 crore people,' while speaking in Parliament on February 8, but the range of questions arising out of the Hindenburg report on the Adani Group remained unanswered. People seek accountability from the elected government through their elected representatives, and the legislature is mandated to mediate that interaction. Mr. Gandhi asked questions as he should. Asking him to adhere to parliamentary norms in doing so is par for the course. But more critically, the government should be required to respond to the allegations. It is a sign of erosion of parliamentary authority that it is not happening.

Social security and the story of two Budgets

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Presenting the Union Budget 2023-24 on February 1, the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, asserted that 'since 2014, the central government has ensured a better quality of life, and a life of dignity' for all its citizens. But Budget figures help distinguish rhetoric from the truth. This year, severe cuts in various social security and welfare schemes such as food security and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), have undermined the already precarious lives of large numbers of poor people in India.

A segment that has been sidelined is the crores of the elderly and other social security pensioners who are being callously pushed towards destitution. Since 2007, social security pensions being given by the central government under the centrally sponsored National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), have remained frozen at an appallingly low sum of ₹200 for the elderly and ₹300 per month for widows and persons with disabilities. In addition, only those who appear on the obsolete and discredited Below Poverty Line (BPL) lists prepared as in Census 2001 are given pensions. As a result, the budget for the NSAP has remained constant, at approximately ₹9,000 crore, and steadily reducing in real terms. This year, the NSAP saw a reduction of ₹16 crore, decreasing from ₹9,652.31 crore in FY2022-23 (BE) to ₹9,636.32 crore for FY 2023-24 (BE), making a mockery of a so-called model of "inclusive growth".

In Rajasthan

Nine days after the Union Budget, on February 10, the Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, presented the Rajasthan Budget, which was a lesson in contrasts. Brushing aside the Bharatiya Janata Party's criticism of the rights-based approach to development, Mr. Gehlot announced a landmark, and pioneering, Minimum Income Guarantee and Pension law to be enacted in the State, providing 125 days of work through the rural or urban employment guarantee, and a minimum social security pension of ₹1,000 per month, with an automatic increase of 15% per annum.

NSAP is a centrally sponsored social security scheme that provides non-contributory income security to the elderly, widows, and persons with disabilities from "BPL families". The central government's contribution to the three main schemes under this programme, the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), and the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), has remained the same over the last 15 years. The percentage share allotted to NSAP of the total expenditure budget has steadily declined from 0.58% in FY2014-15(BE) to 0.21% in the current budget (FY2023-24). In addition to the central contribution, State governments are encouraged to match the amount as the central contribution under the NSAP's guidelines. But as the central government contribution remains pathetically low, trends across 36 States/Union Territories indicate that a majority of the States are providing several times the suggested amount.

> In sharp contrast to the Union Budget 2023-24, the Rajasthan Budget is an example of upholding the rights of the vulnerable

Today, Rajasthan provides social security pensions to over 90 lakh people, with the NSAP covering only a small part of the pension of 10 lakh pensioners. After this Budget announcement in Rajasthan, the total amount spent on pensions is expected to go up to ₹11,500 crore, approximately 30% more than the entire national social security pensions budget under NSAP.

Increments and indexing with inflations

Failure to index social sector expenditure to inflation has led to the even greater marginalisation of vulnerable people. India's cumulative inflation rate from 2007 to 2023 is 193.19% with the average annual inflation rate of 6.95%. This means that ₹200 in 2007 would have become ₹586.38 in 2023 if indexed. In 2016, hundreds of social security pensioners on dharna wrote to Members of Parliament and cabinet Ministers above the age of 60, offering them a day's pension with the request that they try and live for just one day with the sum of ₹7. The Congress party's Jairam Ramesh, even when he was Rural Development Minister, had publicly described this sum as a "cruel joke". It is notable that just the annual increase in dearness allowance and dearness relief for about one crore central government employees and pensioners costs the exchequer approximately ₹12,000 crore – roughly 30% more than the total expenditure on social security pensions.

It is not just the amount, but also the numbers receiving pensions that is of importance. Central assistance to States/Union Territories under NSAP is determined based on the BPL population of the State. For calculating the estimated number of beneficiaries under each scheme for each State, the central government relies on the population figures of Census 2001. Additionally, the stringent criteria of providing disability pensions only to those with a disability level of 80% or more, has excluded lakhs of the disabled even within the obsolete BPL category.

In 2013, the Rajasthan government changed its eligibility criteria to expand the coverage of pensioners by making economically vulnerable women above 55, and men above 58 eligible for old-age pension. It also permitted widows with adult children to receive a widow pension, and included anyone with more than 40% disability to receive a disability pension. As a result, the number of social security pensioners in the State grew from 14 lakh to 58 lakh. Today, this figure has crossed 90 lakh, all of whom will come under the cover of the proposed law.

Ensure minimum conditions and dignity

Other States, and even the Government of India should follow the example of Rajasthan and take the necessary steps to change their existing schemes into an Act that provides more credible entitlements, strengthens accountability, and offers the same legal protection as other welfare laws. The Central government must recognise that pension is a right for work done by unorganised sector workers, who are contributing seminally to the GDP and economy all their lives. People's movements and campaigns have demanded a universal and non-contributory minimum monthly pension equal to 50% of the minimum wage that is periodically adjusted to inflation. This rights-based approach is not based on charity, but on the recognition of the right to ensure minimum conditions for workers to live their retired lives with dignity.

The two election-year Budgets present sharp ideological differences of the parties at the Centre and in Rajasthan. Whether the Ashok Gehlot government's measures will yield electoral gains, or the Narendra Modi government will pay the price at the ballot box with its cuts to social security depends on many factors beyond public welfare policies.

However, for the vulnerable working people, senior citizens and the disabled, rights-based entitlements provide a measure of dignified living which should be the objective of any democracy, regardless of the immediate electoral implications. Ultimately, it is our compassion, and commitment to meet the basic needs of our most marginalised people that will gauge us as a society, and as a nation.

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The theology behind the Taliban's misogyny

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After the United States completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021, one of the assurances the triumphalist Taliban gave to the world was that they would respect women's rights. For a short period, women were allowed to return to work and school on the condition that they wore Islamic headscarves and agreed to gender segregation. But it was just a charade.

The dehumanisation of Afghan women in all its brazenness began in March 2022 when girls' high schools were shut down on the day they reopened. Two months later, the supreme leader, Haibatullah Akhunzada, warned that a woman's father or closest male relative would be imprisoned or fired from government service if she did not cover her face in public.

In November 2022, women were banned from visiting parks and gymnasiums. The very next month, 27 Afghans, including women, were flogged in public for offences ranging from sodomy, deception, forgery and debauchery; the first public execution by the Taliban was carried out the same month.

The most unconscionable decision, however, was in the same month, on December 20 when women were completely banned from accessing any educational institution, ironically, in the name of "women's honour". The so-called Minister for Higher Education Neda Mohammad Nadeem, justified this on the grounds that girls were opting to study "areas that go against Islam and Afghan honour" such as agriculture and engineering.

Misrepresenting Islam

A natural response to this vicious misogyny would be to condemn or dismiss it as being a part of the incorrigibly violent credo of the Taliban – which it is without a doubt. But insofar as prejudice against women is concerned, the Taliban are not unique. Their patriarchy is informed by the ideological conservatism of post-Prophetic schools of Muslim thought.

> The longer an outdated *madrasa* curriculum exists, the more misogyny will continue to victimise Muslims around the world

For instance, the Deobandi *maulvi*, Ashraf Ali Thanvi (1863-1943), had set the tone for the sexism of the Talibani kind when he warned that girls should not be taught geography because it would only help them run away from home by teaching them the location of and routes to different towns (*Al Tableegh*).

Today, Thanvi's alma mater, the Darul Uloom Deoband, believes that "the co-education system of colleges and universities is having a number of evils" and therefore, "undoubtedly unlawful". In fact, a *deeni* (religious) class too would be disallowed if it "co-educates grown-up boys and girls [which] is unIslamic". Such classes can be permitted only if there is a partition between girls and boys.

In *Secluded Scholars: Women's Education and Muslim Social Reform in Colonial India*, historian Gail Minault narrates how Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, founder of the Aligarh Muslim University, angrily tore up scholar Syed Mumtaz Ali's Urdu manuscript titled *Huquq-e-Niswaan* (Women's Rights) which argued in favour of educating Muslim women to help them better know their rights.

The same androcentrism underpinned the worldview of the Indian cleric, Wahiduddin Khan, a Padma Vibhushan awardee, who was absolutely certain that gender equality is a myth because god made women different from men. Education is important, he conceded, but women do not have to study what men study.

In *Woman in Islamic Shariah*, Khan reiterated his gender bias stating that success in life for men and women is possible "only if they devote themselves to the particular set of activities which has been preordained for them in God's scheme of things." If the gross sexism of conservative Muslim clerics across the world is similar to that of the Taliban, why is it that only the Taliban have become notorious for it? The answer lies in the fact that unlike the militaristically impuissant clerics who lack the power to impose their will, the power-intoxicated Taliban do not feel the need to feign moderation and subdue their gender bias.

Shared roots

Nonetheless, the callous flagrancy of the Taliban's misogyny and the disingenuously rationalised sexism of Muslim clerics are rooted in the same questionable *hadiths* that are preached in Muslim societies such as the one in which the Prophet is quoted as saying, "A nation which makes a woman its ruler will not make progress" (Bukhari, *Kitab al Fitan*). Wahiduddin Khan cites this *hadith* to explain how denying women political leadership is a "time-honoured principle" in Islam. The Prophet, however, could not have made such a statement because the *Koran* does not assign gender roles to women. It upholds their equality with men (3:195, 4:124, 16:97 and 33:35).

As for women's education, the Prophet said: "He who has a slave-girl and educates and treats her well, and then manumits and marries her, will get a double reward" (Bukhari, *Kitab al itq*). On another occasion, he remarked that "the educated are the heirs of the Prophets" (Abu Dawud, *Kitab al ilm*). These emancipatory *hadiths* identify the lack of education as the root cause of human enslavement.

Despite this, if the Muslim world today is riddled with misanthropic power centres such as the Taliban it is because Muslim societies have failed to question the theology that uses inauthentic *hadiths* to undermine the *Koran*. Put differently, if the outdated *madrasa* curriculum is not overhauled to open up Islam to modern interpretations within the framework of its original sources, misogyny would continue to victimise Muslims across the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MGNREGS wage burden

It is unfair on the part of the Union government to say that the wages to the beneficiaries under MGNREGA scheme should be shared by the State governments (Page 1, February 17).

After the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax, States have lost the elasticity in their revenue collections and many of them have been adversely affected. Further, the mechanism to compensate States for any loss of revenue arising on account of implementation of the GST is to end this June. There are also concerns about the fairness of devolutions from the Centre to some of the States, which is debatable. Under these circumstances, many of the States may not be in a position to bear the extra burden of sharing MGNREGS wages. Also, many States may be quite averse to implement the scheme itself if they have to share a part of the wages due to a lack of resources.

The scheme is meant to be a "fallback mechanism" for the unemployed and it is essentially fulfilling that objective. Those who find employment otherwise would not be opting for work under the MGNREGS, as the wages paid under the scheme are much lower than the wage rates prevailing in the open market. Being a poverty alleviation programme in its essence, the MGNREGA scheme may be continued as a central government scheme so that it is not diluted or abandoned.

Kosaraju Chandramouli,
Hyderabad

With the decrease in budgetary allocation, steps must be taken to ensure that workers' interests are served through a bottom-up approach. Corruption must be reduced and wages must reach workers on time.

Thotwon Shimrah,
Imphal, Manipur

A growth story

The article on T.V. Sundaram Iyengar ("Tamil Nadu InFocus", February 17) was interesting. People in Madurai and its suburbs used to set their watches by the on time arrival and departure of TVS buses in those days. The group undertook ventures with the aim of serving the public well.

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Chennai

'Lit for Life' reading van

Anything on wheels is a revolution. In an age where the reading habit is on the decline, *The Hindu* deserves praise for flagging off *The Hindu* Lit for Life's initiative – Books on Wheels (mobile reading van), in Chennai. This is a progressive idea and will, hopefully, rekindle an interest in books.

T.S. Karthik,
Chennai

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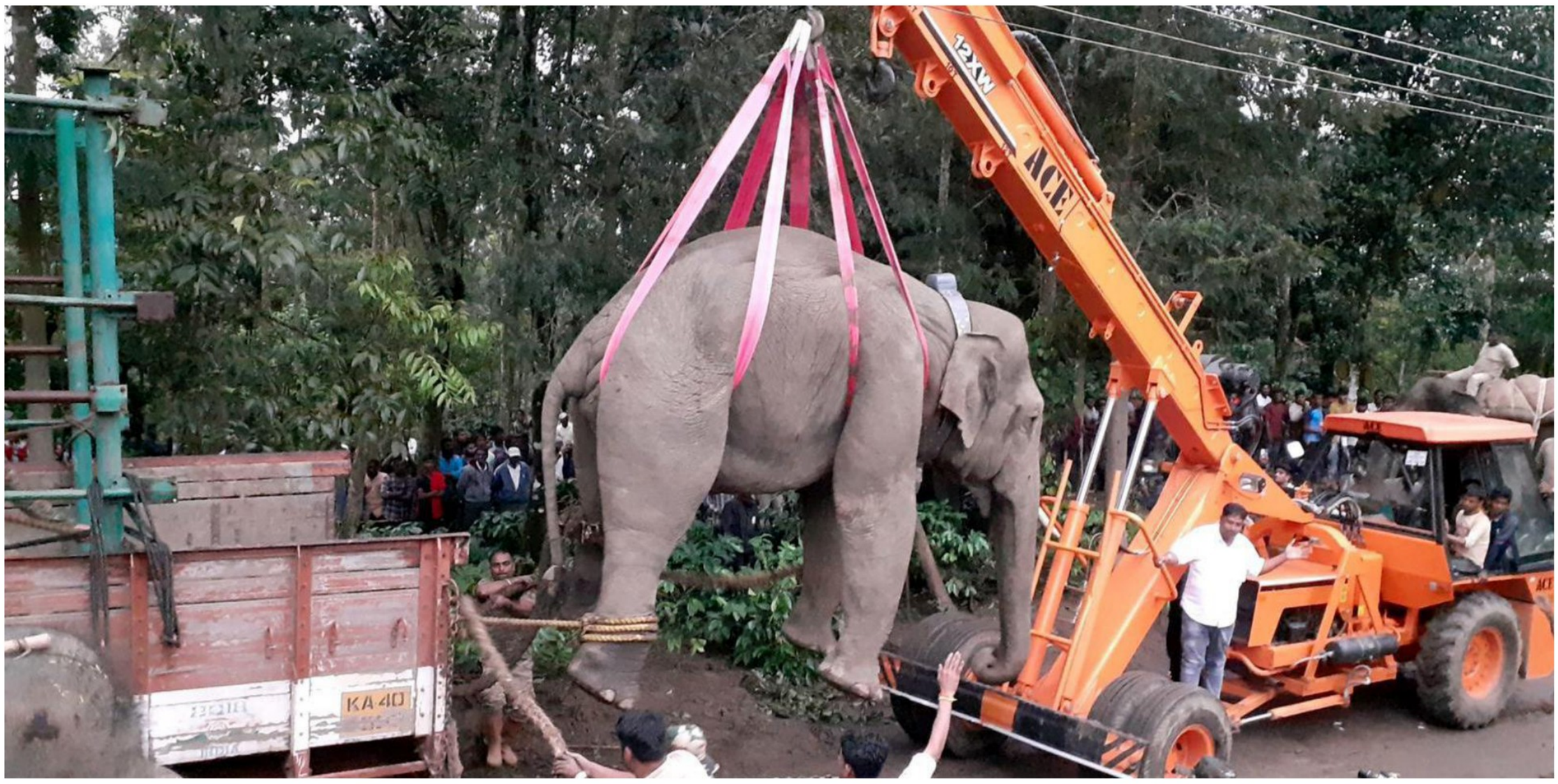

The Forest Department staff capturing an elephant near Sakleshpur taluk in Hassan district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A jumbo problem in Hassan district

The villagers of Sakleshpur, Alur and Belur taluks in Hassan district live in constant fear of coming face to face with elephant herds on their way to fields, school or the grocery store. **Sathish G.T.** reports on a conflict that has proved deadly for both the people and the animals, and the desperation for a long-term solution

On November 1 last year, as Madhu H.M., a coffee grower at Hebbanahalli in Sakleshpur taluk, was getting ready to leave for his farm, his nephew came running to him with an urgent message. "Avoid the regular route to the farm," the 17-year-old warned his uncle. "A herd of elephants has been spotted there."

The Sakleshpur, Alur and Belur taluks of Hassan district lie in the lush foothills of the Western Ghats in Karnataka. Villagers in these taluks receive alerts on their mobile phones every morning from the Forest Department about the movement of elephants in the area. Sometimes, members of the Rapid Response Teams of the Forest Department make public announcements about the elephants. These alerts are essential in helping the villagers plan their activities for the day and are often a matter of life and death.

While Madhu was getting ready that day, his younger brother Manu, 34, left home. "Every Tuesday, Manu would visit the Chamundeshwari temple close to our field. He left home by 8 a.m. that day. On the way, he was fatally attacked by an elephant," says Madhu.

Manu, who is survived by his wife and a four-year-old son, is among the 93 people who have been killed in elephant attacks in the three taluks of Hassan since 1986. In 2022 alone, seven people succumbed to such attacks. Among those who face angry elephants are coffee planters, farmers, plantation workers and schoolchildren.

There have also been hundreds of instances of people getting injured in these encounters since the 1980s. Nearly every household in the district has an elephant experience to share. At Hasugavalli near Ballupete in Sakleshpur taluk, people recall an attack on an encampment of huts on January 23, 2023. Luckily, they escaped.

Apart from posing a threat to their lives, elephants raid and damage crops daily, the villagers complain. As a consequence, the people are forced to stay vigilant at all times. During annual board exams, when students have to travel long distances to reach the exam centres, police and forest officials deploy special vehicles and staff to pick them up and drop them. Elephant task force vehicles equipped with public announcement systems are a common sight in these regions.

There are more than 65 pachyderms in the Sakleshpur, Yeslur, Belur and Alur forest ranges of Hassan district. Local people believe that there are more than 100 elephants, but the Forest Department does not acknowledge this number. Besides the three-four herds that are active at different locations, a few tuskers roam around alone too. For the villagers and the animals, every day is a struggle to co-exist.

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> **MADHU**
> Coffee grower, Sakleshpur taluk

Death, protest and a task force

Deaths from elephant attacks almost always lead to tension in the villages. When the news of Manu's death reached the district headquarters in Hassan, Excise Minister K. Gopalaiah, who is Minister in-charge of the district, was at a function there. Officials informed him about the death and told him that the local people were staging a protest demanding that he visit the spot. The villagers had refused to hand over the body for post-mortem until the Minister arrived. However, Gopalaiah left for Bengaluru. He told the media that he had instructed the Deputy Commissioner and other officers to convince the villagers to withdraw their protest.

His decision angered the villagers. Family members stood with the protesters and even arranged for a mortuary cabinet to preserve the body at the protest site. Finally, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was forced to intervene at night. He called up Bharatiya Janata Party leaders who were at the spot and addressed the protesters on speaker. He assured them that he would send a team of senior Forest Department officers to visit the area, study the situation and submit recommendations. He told them that Gopalaiah would also return to meet them. The Minister visited the protest site around midnight, travelling for about 240 kilometres from the State capital. Once he met the protesters, they let the officers take the body for a post-mortem.

As Bommai promised, a team of senior officers visited the areas of human-animal conflict in Hassan and neighbouring districts. The State government also formed an elephant task force in the four districts of Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Kodagu and Mysuru to handle such conflict. However, the people remain sceptical of the solutions offered. They say they can live in peace only if all the elephants roaming in human habitats are captured and relocated.

A fight for resources

Old men and women in the region say they barely spotted elephants in their childhood. "It started in the late 1980s. The number of elephants has increased significantly in recent years," says Manjunath, 65, from Belagodu village.

Experts trace the origin of the conflict to the construction of the Hemavathi and Harangi dams in Hassan and Kodagu districts, respectively. The construction in the 1970s submerged large tracts of elephant habitat. There has been extensive change in land use since then, including the expansion of coffee plantations.

After surveying the human-elephant conflict areas in Hassan district, retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests M.K. Appaiah and noted elephant expert Ajay A. Desai presented a report in 2007. They analysed the conflict between 1986 and 2006, when people were attacked by elephants on 276 occasions, and noted that the fragmentation of elephant habitat had led to conflict in the region. "The elephant habitat, which is contiguous from Nagarhole up to the Cauvery River, becomes increasingly fragmented and patchy as we move north beyond the Cauvery River. It breaks into small patches of forest as we approach the Hemavathi, which forms the border between Kodagu and Hassan," said the report. Only two forest patches are located in the area: Kattepura Reserve Forest (250 ha) in Kodagu and Dodbetta (325 ha). "Though the two patches are the largest in the area and have dry deciduous to moist deciduous forest, which is good for elephants, their size makes them totally unsuitable for elephants," the experts said. They recommended removing the entire elephant population from this area as the most effective long-term solution.

An elephant spotted near Hulikal in Arakalgud taluk of Hassan district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In fact, whenever the problem intensifies, the villagers hit the streets and put pressure on the government to capture elephants and relocate them. Following protests, the officers have identified "problem-causing" elephants and captured them after firing tranquilliser darts. Since 1987, the department has captured and translocated 74 elephants. A major drive to relocate 22 elephants to different elephant camps in Karnataka was carried out in 2013-14. However, the number of elephants in the region has gone up since then.

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> **JAGADISH**
> Farmer, Hosakoplu

The conflict has proved costly for farmers. The movement of elephants damages paddy and coffee plants. And if well-grown coffee plants are damaged, it takes decades to revive the plantations. "I spent about ₹40,000 to cultivate paddy on my farm. However, the yield I got was only worth ₹4,500," says Jagadish of Hosakoplu. As a result, hundreds of farmers in the Alur and Sakleshpur taluks have been forced to give up paddy cultivation altogether.

Since 2007, there have been 37,891 incidents of crop damage. The government has paid ₹14.91 crore as compensation. As compensation does not reimburse labour costs, many people do not apply for it. Arguing that they cannot cultivate their land due to elephant attacks, around 400 farmers from Kaginahare and neighbouring villages in Sakleshpur offered to part with over 2,000 acres of their land to widen the forest cover, provided they got a better package as compensation. The government held meetings with them on this issue, but has not moved further.

However, following repeated protests, the government has increased compensation for damage and deaths. If a coffee plant (Arabica) aged 1-4 years is damaged, the grower is entitled to ₹600. If the plant is more than four years old, the compensation will be ₹1,200. In the case of Robusta coffee, growers are entitled to ₹1,500 per plant for a crop aged 1-6 years. If the plant is more than six years old, the planter is entitled to receive ₹3,000 per plant. Compensation for death has gone up to ₹15 lakh from ₹7.5 lakh.

The plight of elephants

The conflict is also deadly for elephants. Thirty-five elephants have died since 2003, says the Forest Department. Three were killed by gunshot, four were hit by a train, nine were electrocuted and one was found dead with no tusk. The cause of death in some cases was not clear.

Many farmers put up electric fences to protect their crops from raiding elephants. When elephants come in contact with these fences, they die a painful death. The Forest Department has filed cases against farmers who put up such fences, for violating the Wildlife (Protection) Act.

Sometimes, the acts of farmers have unintended results. In December 2022, the residents of Hosakoplu dug a trench in an attempt to trap elephants that had been roaming nearby. "The idea was to draw the attention of our lawmakers since the legislature session was on then. But they did not take note of it," says Jagadish of Hosakoplu, one of those who led the initiative. However, on January 2, a baby elephant got stuck in the 20-foot-deep trench. The residents provided water and food for the animal. As news of the baby elephant in the trench spread, forest officials and the police rushed to the spot where they had a heated argument with the villagers. The animal was finally rescued. "We are not against elephants. Our fight is against the government. We dug the trench to show that if the government does not act, we will. We will capture elephants that are destroying our crops, our estates and our lives," says Jagadish.

The Karnataka elephant task force, constituted as per the Karnataka High Court order, in its report submitted in 2012, designated the region as an 'Elephant Removal Zone', where concerns about human safety take precedence. Given the small forest cover, the high density of population and the predominance of agriculture and horticulture, the region could be treated as an Elephant Removal Zone, the task force said. It decided that restoration of elephant habitat in the region was unachievable. Residents too say that the region is not suitable for elephants.

Short- and long-term solutions

For officers, handling the conflict is often a daunting task as they have no long-term solutions to offer. "The local officers are meant to only drive elephants away from human habitats and capture them when needed," says a senior officer. Some elephants, which were relocated to places such as Bandipur National Park, came back to the area after some time, almost as if to prove that intra-State relocation is not a sustainable solution. The officer believes that thinking "outside the box" is necessary. "We have to study what African countries have been doing to handle such situations. We must adopt elephant population control methods. If elephants have to be relocated, they need to be moved to a place from where they cannot walk back easily," he says.

In the short term, the system developed by the Forest Department, with the help of the Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), of using field inputs to send warnings to people in elephant-affected areas has helped save Madhu and others. Female elephants who lead the herds as well as individual tuskers have been given radio-collars by the Department so that their movements can be tracked. The villagers check the location of the elephants before leaving home. The State government has put up railway barricades to prevent elephants from entering human habitats.

While villagers appreciate some these efforts to minimise conflict, they insist that the only permanent solution to the problem is to relocate the elephants. "Tracking elephants and relocating only those elephants that cause problems will not solve the conflict," says Yedehalli Manjunath of Sakleshpur taluk's Ballupete. Villagers argue that relocating the tuskers is also in the interest of the animals. While Bommai promised after Manu's death to relocate the animals, no decision has been taken in this regard yet.

Frustrated, the residents of Hebbanahalli, Hosakoplu and the villages of Belagodu and Kasaba hobli in Sakleshpur are planning to stage a dharna in Delhi in a couple of months. "We, the coffee growers, have been earning tax for the Central government. But the Centre has not bothered to intervene on this issue," says Jagadish. The farmers have already held meetings to plan their visit to Delhi. "We will go to Delhi and stage an indefinite protest for a permanent solution to this problem. Around 500 farmers will participate in the protest," says Jagadish. "Our protest will not end until our demand is fulfilled."

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SC says no to sealed cover suggestions

Otherwise, even if we do not accept two names [proposed by the government for the committee], they [petitioners] will not have any way of knowing," the CJI, heading a three-judge Bench, said. Mr. Mehta said the government's suggestions were "absolutely objective", adding that it wanted the "truth to come out". The Bench also stopped advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi, for a petitioner, from reading aloud in court the names of former judges who could head the committee.

No sitting SC judges

The court indicated that it would direct statutory agencies to cooperate with the proposed committee, while dismissed the idea of having one of its sitting judges on the committee. It said that the committee would examine the ability of the extant regulatory framework in the securities market to protect investors from sudden share value crashes. Until then, the court said, "we cannot start with the presumption of a regulatory failure".

Mr. Mehta said that care should be taken to avoid any "unintended impact" on the securities market. . He emphasised that the proposed committee should complete its work without any delay, and said that the court could appoint any former judge to supervise the committee. In a three-page note, Mr. Mehta suggested a seven-member committee, including the Home Secretary and Enforcement Directorate Director. The panel should be headed by a former Supreme Court judge, it said.

On its mandate, Mr. Mehta's note said that the committee should ascertain "the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations made against the Adani group of companies in the Hindenburg report".

Several irregularities found at BBC: I-T dept.

"During the course of the survey, the department gathered several evidence pertaining to the operation of the organisation which indicate that tax has not been paid on certain remittances which have not been disclosed as income in India by the foreign entities of the group," said the agency

The department also found that services of seconded employees [staff internally transferred temporarily] had been used, for which reimbursement was made by the Indian entity to the foreign entity concerned, the agency said.

The BBC, in a statement, said it will respond appropriately to any direct formal communication received from the Income Tax Department.

SC rules out voting by nominated members

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NEW DELHI

In a legal victory for the Aam Aadmi Party, the Supreme Court on Friday ordered the Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi to notify the first meeting of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to elect a Mayor within 24 hours and held that nominated members cannot vote in the poll.

The order came on a petition filed by the AAP's mayoral candidate Shelly Oberoi after the elections were stalled thrice in January and February.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the notice issued by the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) should specifically mention the date of the first meeting for the mayoral election. Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain, for the Municipal Corporation, said the election was usually held in 72 hours.

IOC made to sign pact with Adani-owned port: Congress

The PSU is being made to use the Gangavaram Port through an 'unfavourable' contract instead of the govt.-run Visakhapatnam Port for LPG import, alleges party general secretary Jairam Ramesh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday targeted the Narendra Modi government over a purported contract that the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed with the Adani Group to import liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) through the group-owned Gangavaram Port.

As part of the *Hum Adani ke Hain Kaun* [How are we related to Adani] series party general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that IOC is now being made to use the Gangavaram Port through an "unfavourable" contract instead of the government-run Visakhapatnam Port.

Mr. Ramesh's allegation came a day after Trinamool Congress Lok Sabha member Mahua Moitra alleged a "scam" in engaging the Adani-owned port without a tender. The IOC, responding to Ms. Moitra, clarified that its pact to hire the services of the Gangavaram port for LPG imports was in addition to existing pacts with nearby ports and that there is no take-or-pay agreement.

The IOC had said that its pact to hire the services of Gangavaram Port did not have a take-or-pay agreement. FILE PHOTO

"It is now widely known that you [Mr. Modi] have used all the means at your disposal to help Adani [Group] expand its ports business, whether by giving port concessions in the absence of bidding or by inflicting income tax raids on business groups to encourage them to sell their valuable assets to Adani," Mr. Ramesh said.

"Your government had previously blocked a 2021 bid by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust for the Dighi Port in Maharashtra, which ended up in Adani's hands. Now we learn that IOC, which was earlier importing LPG via the government-run Visakhapatnam Port, is instead being made to use the neighbouring Gangavaram Port, and that too via an unfavourable 'take-or-pay' contract," he said.

Mr. Ramesh further pointed out that IOC has clarified that it has only signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Adani Ports and that there is no binding take-or-pay agreement "as of now".

Nitish for JPC investigation into 'financial fraud'

PATNA

Breaking his silence over the demand of Opposition parties for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into allegations of financial fraud against the Adani Group, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Friday said the "Centre should pay attention to Opposition's demand".

War to target India, says Irani reacting to Soros' Adani remark

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Smriti Irani

The BJP on Friday said a "war" had been initiated to target India, stating that billionaire investor George Soros had an "ill intention to intervene in the democratic process of India and wanted a government pliable to his [Mr. Soros'] need."

The remarks made by Union Minister Smriti Irani in New Delhi came after comments by Mr. Soros ahead of the Munich Security Conference that the turmoil in Indian businessman Gautam Adani's business empire had shaken the faith in India and threatened the investor confidence and that it could open "the door to a democratic revival" in the country.

'Modi, Adani allies'

He added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would have to be answerable to foreign investors and the Parliament on allegations levelled at Mr. Adani. "Mr. Modi and business tycoon Adani are close allies; their fate is intertwined," Mr. Soros added.

Ms. Irani warned that any attempt to "break" democracy in the country would be met with the might of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. She said a "war" had been initiated to target India.

"The man who broke a bank in England, an economic offender, has said that he desires to break the Indian democracy. George Soros has announced his ill intention to intervene in the democratic process of India. His statements have made it clear that Mr. Soros wants to pick a government which is in his interests," she said.

Govt. taking gradual steps to shut down MGNREGS: Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Giriraj Singh had said the States should also shoulder wage bill under the scheme

The Narendra Modi government is step by step trying to shut down the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Friday.

Quoting Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh, who while speaking to *The Hindu* had said that the States should also shoulder the wage bill under MNREGA to make them more proactive in controlling corruption, Mr. Kharge in a tweet in Hindi said that the government reduced the budget for the scheme by 33% and now the Union Minister wants the States to pay 40% of the wage bill.

"Narendra Modi *ji*, do not shut down MNREGA. The country's poor will never forgive you," he added.

Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala also put out a series of tweets condemning the series of steps taken by the government on the scheme, saying it has "introduced fresh hurdles for the workers". He called the January 30 order by the Ministry making Aadhaar-based accounts compulsory for making wage payments as an attack on MNREGS workers.

Quoting *The Hindu*'s story, he tweeted, "Lockdown on MNREGA by Modi government: Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh says that the States should also contribute. [As] the States do not have money and the Centre refuses to foot the bill, the scheme will be automatically shut down."

A 'revival' will have nothing to do with Soros: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday said that whether the Adani issue sparked a 'democratic revival' in the country or not had nothing to do with billionaire investor George Soros, but depended on the actions of Opposition parties and the Indian voter.

"Whether the 'PM-linked Adani scam' sparks a democratic revival in India depends entirely on the Congress, Opposition parties and our electoral process. It has nothing to do with George Soros," tweeted Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh. "Our Nehruvian legacy ensures people like Soros cannot determine our electoral outcomes," he added.

His comments came soon after the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accused Mr. Soros of attacking India with his comments.

Congress may bring in 50% reservation in organisational posts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the upcoming 85th plenary session, the Congress could amend the party constitution to reserve 50% of the party posts to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), women and minorities in various party committees, sources said on Friday. Though the party had announced its intention to do so at the Udaipur brainstorming conclave last May, it stopped short of making this a part of its official declaration.

On Thursday, members of the Constitution Amendment Committee (CAC) had mulled changes to the party document to implement the reforms that were discussed in Udaipur and those that were part of the Udaipur Declaration.

Apart from the reservation, the party would look at sticking at its promise of "50-under-50" so that half of its office-bearers are under the age of 50.

More changes

The composition of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) would also be changed to include former Prime Ministers and former party presidents as members to the highest decision-making body. "These are all discussions at this stage, but Thursday's meeting was inconclusive," said a member of the CAC. Any change to the party constitution has to be ratified by the 85th plenary that will be held in Raipur between February 24 and 26, he added.

The plenary session will endorse the election of Mallikarjun Kharge as the party president but it is not clear if there would be elections to the CWC.

As per the party constitution, 12 members of the CWC are elected while the remaining members are nominated by the party president.

India-Japan Army exercise gets under way in Shiga

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The fourth edition of India-Japan bilateral Army exercise 'Dharma Guardian' began at Camp Imazu in Shiga province, Japan on Friday and will go on till March 2. Separately, two Japanese Navy ships Uraga and Awaji made port call in Kochi from February 14 to 16. Last month, the two Air Forces had held the maiden air exercise 'Veer Guardian'.

"Notably, in the series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries, 'Exercise Dharma Guardian', an annual training event with Japan, is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of current global situation," the Army said in a statement. "The scope of this exercise covers platoon-level joint training on operations in jungle and semi-urban/urban terrain."

Sena's name, symbol go to Shinde camp

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India on Friday allotted the name 'Shiv Sena' and the party's bow and arrow symbol to the Eknath Shinde faction, in effect recognising it as the original party founded by Balasaheb Thackeray.

The commission said that it had based its decision on a "test on majority" as the group of MLAs supporting Shinde group had got nearly 76% of the votes polled by the 55 winning Shiv Sena candidates in the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly election, while the Uddhav Thackeray faction got only 23.5% votes. The two factions have been locked in a fight over the party's name and symbol since last June when Mr. Shinde walked out of Maharashtra's ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance with 40 MLAs in a high-voltage revolt.

Victory of democracy, says Shinde; democracy dead, declares Uddhav

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Minutes after the Election Commission (EC) recognised the faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde as the real Shiv Sena and allotted the 'bow and arrow' symbol to it, Mr. Shinde called it a "victory of democracy" and said they will continue to fight for issues of the common man.

He also termed the EC's decision as a "victory of the ideologies of his mentors Balasaheb Thackeray and Anand Dighe, lakhs of Shiv Sainiks, MPs, MLAs, and other public representatives".

"I thank the Election Commission. Majority counts in democracy. This country runs on the Constitution drafted by Babasaheb Ambedkar. We formed our government on the basis of that Constitution and keeping in mind thoughts of Balasaheb," Mr. Shinde said, adding that the EC order came on the basis of merit.

Eknath Shinde

"Ours is the true Shiv Sena," the Chief Minister said.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray launched a strong attack on the Maharashtra CM by calling him a "traitor" and "thief" and said they will take the fight to Supreme Court.

"Once a traitor, always a traitor. They stole the bow and arrow symbol, people will avenge this theft," he said.

The former Chief Minister and son of Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray said that the poll panel's decision was dangerous for democracy and that it has become their (BJP's) slave.

"No democracy is left in this country. Now, the Prime Minister [Narendra Modi] should announce from Red Fort that democracy is dead and declare that dictatorship has started in India," he said.

Opposition parties, including the Congress and Nationalist Congress Party, also criticised the EC verdict. "On what basis an autonomous body like EC has taken this decision? We are shocked. Everyone knows that Balasaheb Thackeray appointed Mr. Uddhav Thackeray as his heir," NCP MP Supriya Sule said. Congress Legislative Party leader Balasaheb Thorat said that one cannot separate Shiv Sena from Thackerays.

EC order

In its order on Friday, the EC froze the party name 'Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena' and the symbol 'Two Swords and a Shield' previously allotted to the Shinde faction. It also asked the Uddhav Thackeray faction to continue with the 'Flaming Torch' symbol.

In scathing observations, the Commission said that the party constitution, which the Uddhav Thackeray faction had used to claim the symbol and name, was "undemocratic".

The EC order asked the Shinde faction to amend the 2018 constitution of the party in line with the relevant sections of the Representation of People Act 1951.

Thackeray-Shinde row: SC to decide later on referring pleas to seven-judge Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The five-judge Bench on Friday listed the case for hearing on merits on February 21

The Supreme Court on Friday decided to hear the merits of a political battle between Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his predecessor Uddhav Thackeray, for control over Shiv Sena and not digress from the factual aspects of the dispute for now by referring to a seven-judge Bench a legal question based on a 2016 judgment.

During the hearing of the case, Mr. Thackeray's camp had questioned the correctness of a legal principle laid down by a Constitution Bench in Nabam Rebia case in 2016 that a Speaker facing a notice of resolution for his removal cannot decide disqualification proceedings against legislators under the anti-defection law (10th Schedule) without first clearing his name.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray, had contended that the principle in the Nabam Rebia case had to be referred to and re-examined by a large Bench of seven judges before proceeding with the hearing on the merits of the Shinde-Thackeray dispute.

The top court's view

Differing with Mr. Sibal's point of view, the five-judge Bench on Friday said it cannot make such a reference in the "abstract". Reading out the short order, Chief Justice Chandrachud said the question of reference to a larger Bench cannot be "isolated or divorced" from the facts of Shinde-Thackeray quarrel.

"Whether the principle formulated in the Nabam Rebia judgment has an impact upon the factual position of the present case needs deliberation. In the above backdrop, the issue whether the reference of the decision in the Nabam Rebia judgment to a larger Bench is warranted would be determined together with the merits of the case," Chief Justice Chandrachud said and listed the case for hearing on merits on February 21.

On Wednesday, Chief Justice Chandrachud had said the 2016 judgment raised "tough" constitutional issues.

Centre turns focus on key G-20 meeting

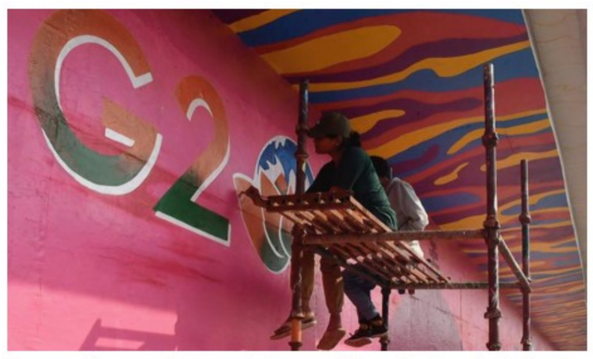
Diplomats are working to ensure a smooth gathering of Foreign Ministers on March 1 in New Delhi, close on the heels of the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine; given the growing global polarisation with the G-7 and EU on one side and Russia on the other, India is likely to seek a consensus

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

With the one-year anniversary of Ukraine war next week, India's top diplomatic machinery has been working the phones and racking up air-miles to ensure a smooth G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) on March 1, an event which will see the participation of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to leaders of the U.S., France and Spain this week, National Security Advisory Ajit Doval has returned from high-profile visits to Washington, London and Moscow, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is in Australia this weekend, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra visited Dhaka, and Minister of State (MoS) V. Muraleedharan who has been in Australia, will travel to Singapore this week, all countries invited to this year's G-20 events.

"Judging by the difficulties Indonesia faced last year, where G-7 countries did not attend the reception held in Bali, and the Russian FM then walked out after delivering his speech, the atmosphere at the Delhi FMM is likely to be even more tense," said one G-20 diplomat privy to the talks. Another diplomat pointed to the fact that



Preparations on: Artists painting a public wall in New Delhi that is gearing up for a G-20 meeting. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

there have been no formal "family photos" or group photos at any of the G-20 events in either Indonesia last year, or the events in India held in various cities.

Also of significance will be the statement that comes out of the G-20 Finance Ministers' Meeting on February 23-25 that will be held in Bengaluru.

Given that the meeting will coincide with the first anniversary of the Ukraine war, officials said that the event will be an important precursor to the FMM.

Sources say the government's priority is that the G-20 FMM passes without any awkward moments or walkouts, given growing polarisation between the G-7 and European Union, and Russia.

All eyes will be on how many countries vote in favour of a draft resolution at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) that will see a "just and lasting peace", and call on Russia to "immediately, completely and unconditionally" withdraw its forces from Ukraine. India, that has abstained from roughly two dozen votes on the Ukraine war in all including at the UN Security Council and UNGA, is expected to continue to walk the tightrope.

According to the schedule shared with members of the G-20 and special invitee countries Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE, the event will kick off with a dinner on March 1, and discussions will be held on March 2 over three sessions to finalise the agenda in September.

While the EU+G7 countries have been introducing comments condemning Russia's war in Ukraine at all working group meetings held in India, India will seek a consensus that tones down the messaging.

INBRIEF

Netflix Global CEO meets I&B Minister Anurag Thakur

Netflix Global CEO Ted Sarandos met Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday. According to a government statement, during the meeting, Mr. Thakur highlighted the expanding creative economy and how India, backed by domestic talents, had emerged as a content and post production hub. They also discussed "how India's regional content was a global favourite today and among the most viewed content globally apart from being dubbed in dozens of languages". Through an initiative called "Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan", Netflix has committed to produce 25 short and inspirational videos for the I&B Ministry.

Several injured as post-poll violence spreads in Tripura

Residences of party workers and offices of the ruling and Opposition parties were attacked as post-poll violence spread in Tripura on Friday. Several people sustained injuries in the incidents. In Agartala, at least four persons were injured in attack and counter-attack at a residential locality. Police recovered two live bombs from the Vivekananda Housing Colony after the clash. After the CPI(M) and the Congress, the ruling BJP blamed the police for poor response in action against violators. BJP State general secretary and candidate of 6-Agartala constituency Papia Datta led a protest in front of the New Capital Complex police station and briefly blocked the road leading to the secretariat complex.

Special court convicts four in J&K terror funding case

A Special Court in Delhi has convicted four persons in a money laundering case related to the Jammu and Kashmir terror funding on Friday, which was probed by the Enforcement Directorate. Among those convicted are Mohammad Shafi Shah, Talib Lali, Muzaffar Ahmad Dar and Mushtaq Ahmad Lone. The sentencing order will be pronounced on February 27. The ED had registered the case on the basis of a First Information Report (FIR) lodged by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) under various provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against banned terror outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and other terrorists associated with it.

'I left Cong. because of Himanta's interference'

Former CM of Meghalaya says it will be 'Trinamool versus others' in the upcoming polls; party promises to look into border pact with Assam

INTERVIEW

Mukul Sangma

Rahul Karmakar
TURA

Mukul Sangma

The hopes of the Trinamool Congress to expand its footprint beyond West Bengal rest largely on the shoulders of Mukul M. Sangma, who was Meghalaya's Chief Minister for almost eight years until 2018. Once the face of Congress in the State, the 57-year-old doctor of medicine kicked up a political storm when he joined the Trinamool in November 2021 along with 11 Congress legislators. The Trinamool is the main challenger of the ruling National People's Party in the Garo Hills comprising 24 seats. Excerpts.

What made you leave Congress?

I was involved with the Congress campaign in the Assam elections, but the candidates fielded by Congress were decided by Himanta Biswa Sarma (now the Assam Chief Minister). The same thing happened in Meghalaya. Why should I be in Congress when he continues to pull the strings? And Congress says it is fighting against the BJP.

Are the people accepting Trinamool branded by rivals as a Bengal party?

You can see the level of acceptance wherever we go. It has been an uphill task to build the party. Our foot soldiers have worked in sync with the collective desire and hunger of the people to ensure there's a change.

But hasn't the Trinamool been hit by the defection of MLAs?

The unhealthy trend of buying and poaching MLAs and leaders started after 2018. A few NPP legislators are now candidates of other parties.

Who is your main rival?
This election is Trinamool versus all others.

Why does Trinamool want to revisit the Assam-Meghalaya border pact?

Because this agreement (on March 29, 2022) was not a give-and-take but a transfer of property that belonged to the people of Meghalaya. Our State was created by bringing together the areas under the united Khasi and Jaintia and the Garo Hills autonomous councils. The lands belong to the clans and were notified before Independence. How could you sign the agreement when the land belonged to the people, not you? The agreement is not acceptable to the people.
(Full interview is at bit.ly/sangmamukul)

Amit Shah slams BJP ally NPP, promises to investigate 'scams'

Rahul Karmakar
SHILLONG

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday slammed the National People's Party (NPP), a constituent of the BJP-helmed North East Democratic Alliance, for misusing Central funds and promised to take it to task if the BJP is voted to power in Meghalaya.

The BJP is a minor ally of the NPP in the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance, but the two parties are rivals in 57 of the State's 60 seats.

Addressing two election rallies in western Meghalaya's Rangsakona and Dalu, Mr. Shah accused NPP supremo and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma and his predecessor Mukul M. Sangma of promoting dynastic politics by depriving the people of their rights.

Former Congress leader, Mr. Mukul was the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for almost eight years. He joined the Trinamool Congress in November 2021 along with 11 other Congress MLAs.

Mr. Shah said the Narendra Modi government at the Centre provided massive funds to the NPP-led government in Meghalaya for a slew of Central sector projects such as the supply of tap water to all households, housing, toilets and rural roads. "But all the money was siphoned off and you got nothing. If you vote for the BJP, the people of Meghalaya will get the benefits they have been deprived of," he said.

He asked the people to compare the scale of development in the adjoining Assam during eight years of BJP rule. Mr. Shah said both Conrad and Mukul deprived the State's youth by providing jobs to people close to them. "This will not happen when the BJP is in power," he claimed.

U.S. hegemony must end, says Russian envoy Denis Alipov

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Energy and defence relations between India and Russia are accelerating at "unprecedented" levels, Moscow's Ambassador to India Denis Alipov said on Friday, noting that it was the western sanctions imposed against Russia in the aftermath of the launch of its attack against Ukraine that had brought India and Russia closer.

Speaking to state-controlled news channel *Russia Today*, days ahead of the first anniversary of Russia's war with Ukraine, the veteran diplomat demanded an end to what he described as the "hegemony" of the U.S., saying that the western world order was increasingly becoming unattractive for many developing countries who are looking to the Global South and the East Asian region instead.

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INBRIEF

Maharashtra CM felicitates outgoing Governor

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis called on the outgoing Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, at the Raj Bhavan on Friday. "Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis called on the outgoing Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. They felicitated the Governor," the Governor's office said. Mr. Koshyari, who served for more than three years, was given a ceremonial Guard of Honour. The newly appointed Governor, Ramesh Bais, will take charge at 12:40 p.m. on Saturday.

Six detained after two men burnt to death in Haryana

A day after two Muslim men from Rajasthan's Bharatpur district were allegedly abducted and burnt to death in a car in Haryana, the Rajasthan Police on Friday detained six persons for interrogation in the case. The incident is suspected to be linked with cow vigilantes of the Bajrang Dal, who have been active in the region. The victims – Nasir (25) and Junaid (35) – both residents of Ghatmika village, were allegedly abducted on Wednesday and their charred bodies were found inside a burnt vehicle near Loharu town in Haryana's Bhiwani district on Thursday morning. The families of the deceased had lodged a missing complaint with the police.

U.P. scholarship scam: ED conducts searches

The Enforcement Directorate conducted searches at 22 locations across six districts of Uttar Pradesh in connection with the alleged fraudulent availing of a post-matriculation scholarship scheme by various educational institutions. The proceeds of the alleged crime is suspected to be more than ₹75 crore. The Central and State governments provide various scholarships to facilitate the education of SC, ST and physically challenged candidates. It is alleged that the institutes/colleges unlawfully got the scholarships issued in the name of ineligible candidates and misappropriated the funds.

ED attaches assets worth ₹828 crore in bank fraud case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth ₹828 crore including land, buildings, manufacturing plant and machinery of Ludhiana-based SEL Textiles Limited in an alleged bank fraud case. The money laundering probe is based on an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the company and its directors, following allegations that they cheated a consortium of banks to the tune of ₹1,530 crore. The accused made investments in the step-down subsidiaries in violation of the terms and conditions of the credit facilities, and made advance payments to related parties in the guise of procuring goods and services which never materialised.

Article 370 case: CJI pledges to take call on listing of pleas

The case has been pending in the Supreme Court for over two years; it has not come up after a five-judge Bench refused to refer the petitions to a larger Bench in March 2020

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday yet again assured that he will "take a call" about listing petitions challenging the abrogation of provisions under Article 370 of the Constitution, a move that had deprived Jammu and Kashmir of its special privileges and led to the bifurcation of the State in 2019.

The case was orally mentioned for early listing by petitioners.

It had similarly been mentioned on December 14 last year. At the time, the CJI had assured the petitioners with the words, "I will examine and give a date".

Prior to December, the case was mentioned for early listing on September 23, 2022, before the current CJI's predecessor, Justice U.U. Lalit, who had promised that it would come up after October 10.

The Article 370 case has been pending in the Supreme Court for over two years. The case had not come up after a five-judge Bench refused to refer the petitions to a larger Bench in March 2020. The case had since been mentioned several times for early hearing.

End Siege in Kashmir! Release Political Leaders of Kashmir!
INDIAN brutalities in Kashmir
MUST STOP!
RELEASE ALL OPPOSITION Leaders in Kashmir!
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Activists raise slogans against the removal of special status for J&K during a protest in New Delhi on August 5, 2019. FILE PHOTO

The petitions have challenged a Presidential Order of August 5, 2019 which blunted Article 370. The Article had accorded special rights and privileges to the people of Jammu and Kashmir since 1954 in accordance with the Instrument of Accession.

Following the dilution of Article 370, the Jammu and Kashmir (Reorganisation) Act of 2019 came into force and bifurcated the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

In a day, Jammu and Kashmir had lost its full statehood and became a Union Territory of the Central government.

The move had been preceded by a state of lockdown in the Valley.

The various petitions have challenged the Centre's "unilateral" move to impose curfew and unravel the unique federal structure of India by dividing Jammu and Kashmir "without taking consent from the people".

Separate petitions have contended that the August 5 Order and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019 were arbitrary.

The August 5 Order, by replacing the recommendation of the 'Constituent Assembly' with that of the 'Legislative Assembly' in order to alter the terms of Article 370, assumed that the legislative assembly of the State of Jammu and Kashmir had a power that its own Constitution, under Article 147, denied to it. Thus, the August 5 Order was ineffective, the petitions said. The government, in response, has countered that the Presidential Order of August 5 has become *fait accompli*.

Subdued festivities for Pandits on Maha Shivratri in Kashmir

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

A spree of killings of members of the community by militants had left many families scared

Kashmiri Pandits are celebrating the 'Hearth' or 'Maha Shivratri' in a subdued manner this year in Kashmir because of a spree of killings of members of the minority community by militants and the migration of hundreds of employees and their families to Jammu in the past one year.

There was thin attendance of Pandits thronging local temples, including the Shitaleshwar Bhairav temple, the Durga Mandir, and the Shital Nath Bhairav Mandir as the two-day festival started on Friday.

The Jyeshteshwara Temple and the Durga Nag Temple relatively witnessed a rush of Hindus on the occasion.

"Unlike the past, there are lesser number of Pandits visiting the temples in Srinagar this year," a Hindu priest said.

The Kashmiri Pandit Sangarah Samiti (KPSS), a body of those Pandits who did not leave the Valley in the 1990s, has expressed unhappiness over the arrangements made on 'Hearth' festival this year. In a letter addressed to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, KPSS chairman Sanjay Tickoo asked the administration to ensure availability of fish, flowers, vegetables, especially Nadroo (lotus stem) and walnuts.

Salaries refused

Kashmiri Pandits are also unhappy because the Lieutenant-Governor's administration has refused to release the salaries of all Pandit employees working in Kashmir.

Over 5,500 Pandit employees and their families were displaced in the wake of killing of a Pandit employee, Rahul Bhat, in Budgam and a Hindu teacher, Rajini Bala, in Kulgam in May last year.

Most Pandit employees shifted their families from the transit accommodations to Jammu.

Foundation stone of JSW steel plant laid in Pulwama

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Sajjan Jindal, chairman and managing director of JSW Group of companies, on Friday tweeted pictures of the special 'puja' ceremony of the foundation stone of the company's first ever steel plant in south Kashmir's Pulwama, as it became the first major group to invest in the Union Territory after the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 in 2019, that barred outsiders from buying land here.

"Proud to announce that we have laid the foundation stone for our new steel processing unit in Pulwama– the heart of Kashmir! Contributing to the growth of the beautiful State of Jammu and Kashmir," Mr. Jindal said, in a tweet.

Mr. Jindal's company acquired 70 kanals of land (8.75 acres) to set up a ₹150 crore steel plant in volatile Pulwama's Lassipora industrial area last year.

MHA designates two outfits as terrorist organisations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Punjab resident with links to terror groups has also been designated as an 'individual terrorist'

The Ministry of Home Affairs on Friday designated the Khalistan Tiger Force and the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force as terrorist organisations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

A Punjab resident, Harwinder Singh Sandhu alias Rinda, who is presently based in Pakistan's Lahore, was also designated as an "individual terrorist" under the anti-terror law.

The Ministry's notification said that the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF) surfaced in the year 2020 as a terrorist outfit.

It draws its cadre from various proscribed terrorist organisations, such as the Lashker-E-Taiba, Jaish-E-Mohammed, Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen and Harkat-ul-Jehad-E-Islami, and is involved in infiltration bids, narcotics and weapon smuggling, and carrying out terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) came into existence in 2011 as an offshoot of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), a banned terrorist organisation, the notification said. It added that the KTF was a militant outfit that aimed to revive terrorism in Punjab with a view to achieving its agenda of forming a separate State – Khalistan – and thus challenged the territorial integrity, unity, national security and sovereignty of India.

The Ministry said that Harwinder Singh Sandhu, a resident of Sarhali village in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, is associated with the BKI and is presently based in Lahore, Pakistan under the patronage of cross border agencies.

Over 1,000 pangolins poached and trafficked in India in past five years

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

On the eve of World Pangolin Day observed on February 18, a not-for-profit organisation working on the international trade of animals and plants, has brought out a fact sheet reporting that 1,203 pangolins have been found in illegal wildlife trade in India from 2018 to 2022.

An Indian Pangolin at the Kanha reserve in Madhya Pradesh. Two species of pangolin are found in India. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Up to 24 States and one Union Territory saw seizures of pangolins and their derivates. Odisha reported the maximum number of incidents, with 154 pangolins in 74 seizures. It was followed by Maharashtra with 135 pangolins in 47 seizure incidents. The publication, titled 'India's Pangolins Buried in Illegal Wildlife Trade', has tracked 342 total incidents during this time period.

Merwyn Fernandes, coordinator of TRAFFIC's India office, said in the organisation's fact sheet that up to 50% of seizures included live pangolins and 40% involved pangolin scales. "India reports a significant number of pangolin trafficking incidents reflected by seizures across the country. They are poached mainly for international markets in China and southeast Asia for their scales, which are used as an ingredient in traditional medicines," he was quoted as saying.

India is home to two species: the Indian Pangolin, found across the subcontinent; and the Chinese Pangolin, found across a larger area in south Asia. Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam see the presence of both. Both species are included under India's Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act that could result in a jail term for those hunting animals listed here.

An analysis of illegal pangolin trade in India by TRAFFIC in 2018 reported poaching of 6,000 pangolins between 2009 and 2017.

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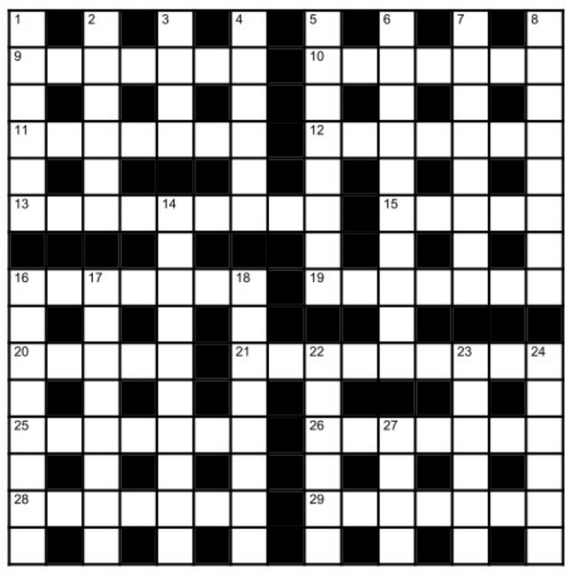

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12 Instrument with a large needle (7)
13 Degree issued in new solid-state compounds (9)
15 African boss has degree in large network? No, on the contrary (5)
16 Broke son slept (7)
19 Half beef roast made with salt (7)
20 Silver draped on earl in the past (5)
21 A legal hub is fraudulent? Comical (9)
25 Frequently down, a server 33% malfunctioning, Retards (7)
26 Clothes are dumped here by wife has charcoal, but can be cleaned (7)
28 Dangerous crocodiles led away with wind (7)
29 Complicated nerd Ray is a fox (7)

Down

1 Thanks to undergraduate, White regularly gets coached (6)
2 Judge and nurse catch a donkey (6)
3 Primarily Tamils have anger on tax (4)
4 Crazy second son buys ancient cloth (6)
5 Fires defunct pair in employment at school (8)
6 Puts bright rag in American city (10)
7 Stumped by memory (active) thanks to connective tissues (8)
8 Lacking teeth, at the end worried editor meets specialist (8)
14 Hypocrisy and rudeness at work (3,7)
16 Careless hit and run (8)
17 Audio-visual at head office on travel at Rome halfway meeting Italian scientist (8)
18 Fancy key we have best at retreat (8)
22 Indiscreet fight after peacekeepers held youth leader (6)
23 Expose Britain by two Hollywood films (6)
24 Include demo by Harry (6)
27 Mythical river grips reportedly (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Maha Sivaratri significance

Lord Siva is one of the most ancient Gods in the Hindu pantheon. Our ancient scriptures also deal at length on Siva and the efficacy of seeking His blessings to obtain liberation from the cycle of life and death. Siva is synonymous with Sivaratri, and although Sivaratri falls every month, Maha Sivaratri falling in the month of Maasi is venerated by the faithful across the world as the day when Siva blesses the sincere, the devout and the faithful, said P. Swaminathan in a discourse.

Legend has it that on this night Goddess Parvati and Siva were united in holy matrimony and this occasion of their spiritual union is most auspicious for all devotees. It is said Parvati originally started observing Sivaratri and when Siva was pleased, She enjoined upon Him to bless all devotees who wittingly or unwittingly observe the four basic aspects: staying awake, fasting, offering sacred vilva leaf and singing Siva's hymns on Maha Sivaratri. There is the famous story of a hunter who took refuge on top of a tree from a tiger. During the night, which happened to be Maha Sivaratri, to avoid falling off the tree due to drowsiness, the hunter deliberately plucked one leaf after another and dropped it down, thereby staying awake through the night. Beneath the tree there was a smooth stone on which the leaves fell. This stone was a Siva ling. In the morning when he came down, safe from the pursuing tiger, he was amazed to see Lord Siva appear before him and bless him. Temples across the world embark upon elaborate homas and other rituals starting late in the evening and lasting through the night. However, one can observe Maha Sivaratri in the confines of one's home as well.

ISLAMABAD

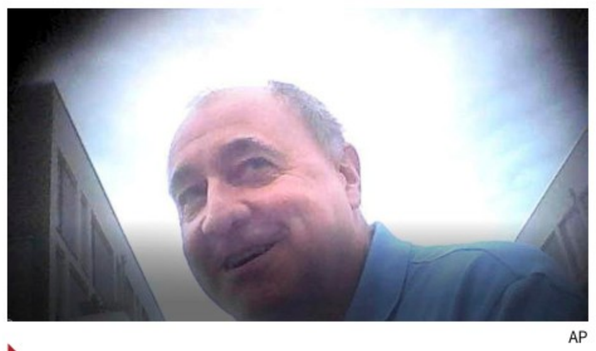
Escaped pet leopard runs amok in Pakistan's capital, injures four

AFP

A pet leopard escaped from a house in the Pakistan capital and roamed the streets for hours before being shot with a sedation dart, wildlife officials said on Friday. The leopard on the loose lightly injured four people before it was captured by officials, who took it to the city's former zoo that was shut down in 2020. AFP

LONDON

British embassy guard gets over 13 years in jail for spying for Moscow



AP

A former security guard at the UK's Berlin embassy, who admitted spying for Moscow, was on Friday jailed for over 13 years under the Official Secrets Act. David Ballantyne Smith, 58, was caught in a sting operation after passing sensitive material to the Russian embassy in Germany. AFP

PYONGYANG

N. Korea threatens unprecedented response to South-U.S. Army drill

AP

North Korea threatened on Friday to take "unprecedently" strong action against its rivals, soon after South Korea announced a series of planned military drills with the United States. The statement called South Korea and the United States "the arch-criminals deliberately disrupting" regional peace and stability. AP

DUBAI

UAE's new interfaith centre to host country's first synagogue

AFP

The United Arab Emirates has opened a centre housing a mosque, church and the country's first official synagogue, the Abrahamic Family House, with the aim of promoting interfaith coexistence in the Muslim nation. The oil-rich Gulf federation, which normalised relations with Israel, is home to a small Jewish community. AFP

Zelensky seeks speedy supply of arms from allies

At the Munich Security Conference, the Ukraine leader says there's 'no alternative' to his country securing victory against Russia, and vowed to push for Kyiv joining the European Union and NATO

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky urged world leaders on Friday to speed up support at the opening of the Munich Security Conference, as Germany pushed allies to deliver crucial tanks ahead of the first anniversary of Russia's invasion.

Allies have delivered an array of weaponry to Ukraine since the outbreak of the war and pledged more, but Kyiv fears crucial supplies will arrive too slowly to defend against major new offensives.

"We need to hurry up," Mr. Zelensky told the start of the three-day gathering via video link. "We need speed – speed of our agreements, speed of our delivery... speed of decisions to limit Russian potential".

No other way: Participants watching Volodymyr Zelensky on a screen during the Munich Security Conference on Friday. AFP

There is no "alternative", as people's lives were on the line, he said.

The key annual conference comes just days ahead of the February 24 anniversary of Moscow sending its forces into the country, unleashing war in Europe for the first time in decades.

It is being attended by the leaders of France and Germany, as well U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, China's top diplomat Wang Yi and NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg.

Mr. Zelensky also insisted that there was "no alternative" to Ukraine triumphing in its fight against President Vladimir Putin's troops, and "no alternative" to Kyiv joining the EU and NATO.

Speaking to the forum after Mr. Zelensky, Chancellor Olaf Scholz insisted that German support was "designed to last".

But he also piled fresh pressure on allies to live up to a pledge to deliver battle tanks promised to Ukraine, after Berlin dropped its initial reluctance following desperate pleas from Kyiv. "Those who can send such battle tanks should really do so now," Mr. Scholz told the conference.

Russia to test missile in naval drills with China

Associated Press
JOHANNESBURG

Russia, China and South Africa are set to begin naval drills off South Africa's Indian Ocean coast on Friday in a demonstration of the three countries' close ties amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's tense relationship with the West. The 10 days of exercises, named Mosi II, will coincide with the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.

A Russian frigate, the Admiral Gorshkov, arrived in Cape Town earlier this week. It is said to be armed with the Zircon hypersonic missiles, a weapon that Russia says can penetrate any missile defences. It will test-fire a Zircon missile during the drills.

Suicide strike on key police office in Pak. leaves 7 dead

Associated Press
KARACHI

Militants launched a deadly suicide attack on the police headquarters of Pakistan's largest city on Friday, officials said, as the sound of gunfire and explosions rocked the heart of Karachi for several hours.

At least seven people were killed, including three suicide attackers, and 18 security force members wounded, said government officials. "Four people were killed in the attack, including two policemen, one ranger, and one sanitary worker," Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab Siddiqui said.

Two suicide bombers were killed and at least one blew himself up after entering the police building, officials said. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in a brief statement claimed responsibility.

Returning fire: Security forces taking position after a police office building was attacked by gunmen in Karachi on Friday. REUTERS

Murtaza Wahab confirmed that police and paramilitary forces in a joint operation had cleared the police building within three hours of the attack late on Friday. "I confirm that the operation against the terrorists is over," said Mr. Wahab.

President Arif Alvi in a statement condemned the attack in Karachi, which is Pakistan's chief commercial city.

Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant attacks since November when Pakistani Taliban ended a months-long cease-fire.

FBI's New York office network hacked

Reuters

Computers at the FBI's New York office were hacked in what the agency said was a now-contained isolated incident, *CNN* reported on Friday, citing people briefed on the matter.

It was not immediately clear when the cyber incident occurred. One source told *CNN* the origin of the incident is still being investigated.

China top tech dealmaker goes missing amid graft raid

Associated Press
HONG KONG

Shares of the company that operates one of China's top investment banks, China Renaissance, plunged on Friday after the firm said it had lost touch with its founder Bao Fan, one of the country's most high-profile bankers and a top tech-sector dealmaker.

China Renaissance Holdings said in a filing to Hong Kong's stock exchange on Thursday that it had been unable to contact Mr. Bao, who has worked on major deals including e-commerce company JD.com's $2 billion initial public offering and the public listing of short video platform Kuaishou in Hong Kong.

The company said that it was "not aware of any information that indicates Mr. Bao's unavailability" was related to the business of the group.

Mr. Bao's disappearance follows a crackdown on big technology companies in the past two years that officials in China said had been wrapped up.

Mr. Bao's disappearance comes months after former China Renaissance president Cong Lin was taken away by Chinese authorities in September last year.

Teen, two men rescued in Turkey after 11 days

Agence France-Presse
ANTAKYA

Turkish rescuers pulled a 14-year-old boy and two men nearly 11 days after the huge earthquake, a minister said on Friday, as rescue efforts wind down.

Osman, 14, was rescued 260 hours after the 7.8-magnitude tremor struck Turkey's southeast and Syria, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said on Twitter.

He shared an image of the adolescent with his eyes open on a stretcher and said Mr. Osman had been taken to hospital in Antakya in the quake-devastated Hatay province.

One hour later, rescuers elsewhere saved two men aged 26 and 33 in Antakya, Mr. Koca said, also sharing images of the men receiving treatment from health workers.

The *DHA* news agency named the men as Mehmet Ali Sakiroglu, 26, and Mustafa Avci, 33, and said they had been rescued from the same building's rubble.

The quake has killed more than 41,000 people in Turkey and Syria, injured tens of thousands of others and left millions without shelter. Turkish officials have said rescue efforts in three provinces, Adana, Kilis and Sanliurfa, have been completed.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

MESCOM invites tenders for 10 Civil Engineering works in Chikkamagalur Circle from EPF, ESI, GST & Labour license holder having PWD Registered Contractors.
For details bidders can access through E-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **17.02.2023.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle, MESCOM, Chikkamagalur

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Bagalkote Town Development Authority, Division No:01, Bagalkote-587102.
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SHORTERM CORRIGENDUM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through-e- Procurement only)

Tender was invited by this office vide Tender Notification No.11/2022-23/ 4348, Dated: 08.02.2023. Due to the technical reason the corrigendum tender notification is issued as per KTPP Act. The intending bidders for work Indent No: 1186 details may log in to e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The necessary fees as prescribed by e-procurement shall be paid through e-payment.
The Re-schedule of tender is as Under.

SL. No	Details	Earlier Published Tender Dates	Modified Schedule Tender Dates
1	Last date and Time for Tender Queries	13.02.2023 up to 5.00 pm	22.02.2023 up to 5.00 pm
2	Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time	14.02.2023 at 11.00 am	22.02.2023 at 11.00 am
3	Last date of submission of tenders	22.02.2023 up to 5.00 pm	02.03.2023 up to 5.00 pm
4	Date of opening of Technical bid	23.02.2023 at 5.01 pm (if possible)	03.03.2023 at 5.01 pm (if possible)
5	Date of opening of Financial bid	24.02.2023 at 11.00am (if possible)	06.03.2023 at 11.00 am (if possible)

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-900/MCA/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer, BTDA, Dn. No: 01, Bagalkote

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SAKALESHPURA, Hassan District, Hassan
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08173–244042 mail: itstall_ulb_sakleshpura@yahoo.com,
No:DMA/SKPTMC/JE/TN/04/2022-23 Date:16-02-2023

: TENDER NOTIFICATON:

The Chief Officer,Town Municipal Counci,Sakaleshpura, Hassan invites tenders for the Work Indent NO.DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 140006(Estimated Cost-Rs. 78.91 Lakhs) & Work Indent NO.DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 146399 (Estimated Cost-Rs. 98.10 Lakhs) Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the E-Procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and Tenders Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically Calender of events & other information is as mentioned in e-portal. Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

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sd/- Chief Officer, TMC,SAKALESHPURA

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Special Division, Shivamogga
Ph: 08182 - 222942, E-Mail: spdivision@gmail.com

IFT No: 82/2022-23 Date: 14.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System) (through e-procurement)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply **for the work approved under 4059-Department Building, 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Flood & 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance, 3 Works in Thirthahalli Tq, Maximum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 84.68 Lakhs, Minimum Amount put to tender is. Rs. 59.87 Lakhs and Maximum EMD amount is Rs. 1.70 lakhs & Minimum EMD amount is Rs. 1.20 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is as per E- Procurement**. The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section - 2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from Dated: **15-02-2023 to 23-02-2023**. Last date for Receipt of Tender is on Dated: **23-02-2023 at 17.30 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on Dated: **24-02-2023 at 5.30** PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after Dated: **: 27-02-2023** Onwards. If there any changes in publication published through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
PWD, Special Division, Shivamogga.

DIPR/SMG/No.166/ZEN/2022-23

Ref.No: SO-13011/3/2023/1155 Date: 17.02.2023

Startup Odisha

(2nd Floor, Tower-A, Odisha Startup Incubation Centre (O-Hub), Special Economic Zone Road, Infocity, Patia, Bhubaneswar-751024)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF PR AGENCY FOR STARTUP ODISHA

Sealed quotations are invited from reputed Registered PR agencies for promoting the brand of STARTUP ODISHA. The last date of submission of bids is **14.03.2023 by 11.00 A.M**. The preferred specification may be downloaded by visiting **www.startupodisha.gov.in** and bidders are further advised to keep referring Startup Odisha website for any updates with reference to this advertisement.

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer

CAD-4874: OIPR - 43007/11/0033/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

No. 965 / Date:- 16.02.2023

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

1.	Name of the Work	:	Road Work
2.	Total No. of Works	:	01 No. of Road Work under CMRL for the year 2022-23
3.	Estimated Cost of the Work	:	Rs.219.48 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	:	
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 lakhs up to Rs.3.00 Crores		B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crores up to Rs.20.00 Crores		A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of Completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.07 of 2023	21.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	09.03.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	10.03.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar.

O-1862: OIPR-25082/11/0042/2223

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru- 560 001
Ph : 080-2558 6520 / 2558 9112 Fax : 080-2558 6321
Email : ho@kspcb.gov.in Website : www.kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

No. KPCB/175/BLD/2022-23/7638 Dated: 14.02.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (SHORT TERM TENDER)
(Through **GOK e-procurement portal** only)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Proposed Construction of KSPCB Regional Office Building at Chamarajanagara. Approx Value of the work: **Rs.257.00 Lakhs.** All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

Tender Schedule/Dates
1) NIT Publish date: **10.02.2023.** 2) Last date & Time for Tender Queries/Calrifications **15.02.2023** upto **11:00** am. 3) Date & Time for Pre-bid Meeting is **15.02.2023** upto **11:00** am. (4) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders is **20.02.2023** upto **5:30** pm. (5) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid is **21.02.2023** at **5:31** pm. (6) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid is **22.02.2023** at **11:00** am.

For more details, please refer e-procurement web site: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

DIPR/4799/2022-23

Sd/-
Member Secretary

INBRIEF

Gas firm GAIL looking to buy 26% stake in U.S. LNG project

India's biggest gas firm GAIL is looking to buy up to 26% stake in a LNG project in the U.S. to shore up supply sources to meet rising demand. GAIL (India) Ltd. had run into supply disruptions last year after Russia's Gazprom Marketing and Trading failed to deliver contracted LNG due to western sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. GAIL is also looking to buy one million tonnes a year of LNG from the facility for 15 years, starting last quarter of calendar year 2026, according to the tender document. PTI

Apollo Tyres unveils premium tyre for SUVs from ₹18,000

Apollo Tyres has introduced Vredestein Pinza AT, a premium product for sport utility vehicles at prices ranging from ₹18,000 to ₹24,000 per tyre. Manufactured at the company's units in Vadodara and Andhra Pradesh, these tyres with all-weather grip and stability are "comfortably rugged and deliver quieter rides," Apollo Tyres said. The 'ultra-high' performance tyres are targeted at brands such as Jeep, JLR, Mercedes, Toyota and Volvo, the company added.

'India setting up $4-bn fund to aid corporate debt market'

India is setting up a fund worth ₹330 billion ($4 billion) to provide liquidity to its corporate debt market during bouts of stress, to help stem panic selling and ease redemption pressures, an SBI Mutual Fund executive said. Asset managers would contribute 10% of the fund, deputy managing director D.P. Singh said. According to a regulatory official, the government will provide a credit line to ensure funds have liquidity equivalent to ₹300 billion. REUTERS

'Global slowdown path still uncertain, India to decouple'

Domestic consumption and investment to benefit from stronger prospects for agriculture, strengthening consumer confidence and strong credit growth, officials write in RBI Bulletin

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Even though the global slowdown in 2023 may be milder than anticipated earlier, the trajectory still remains unpredictable, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officials observed in a bulletin article on the 'State of the Economy', adding, however, that India's economy would likely decouple from the rest of the world.

In India, domestic consumption and investment would benefit from stronger prospects for agricultural and allied activities, strengthening business and consumer confidence, and strong credit growth, the officials led by Deputy Governor Michael D. Patra wrote in the RBI Bulletin.

Domestic bulwark

RBI officials writing in the February Bulletin see India decoupling from 2023's global slowdown on account of strengthening domestic consumption

- Supply responses, cost conditions are poised to improve, they note
- Budget's emphasis on capex to crowd-in private investment, bolster job creation and demand
- Decoupling to be driven by Budget raising 2023-27 growth prospects and long-term potential

"Supply responses and cost conditions are poised to improve even though inflation witnessed a rebound in January. The Union Budget 2023-24's emphasis on capital expenditure is expected to crowd-in private investment, strengthen job creation and demand, and raise India's potential growth," they asserted.

According to the officials, India would decouple from macroeconomic projections of current vintage and also from the rest of the world.

RBI issues draft norms for borrowing, lending G-secs

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday came out with draft norms for lending and borrowing of government securities with wider participation in the securities lending market.

"Government Securities Lending transactions shall be undertaken for a minimum period of one day and a maximum period of ninety days," said the draft RBI (Government Securities Lending) Directions, 2023. RBI has invited comments from banks, market participants and other parties by March 17, 2023.

Minda Corp. acquires 15.7% stake in Pricol for $48.3 mn

Reuters

Indian automotive components maker Minda Corporation Ltd. said it acquired a 15.70% stake in rival Pricol Ltd. for $48.3 million.

"This is merely a financial investment without providing the company any special rights in Pricol other than the rights as a shareholder," Minda said.

"Promoter group stands absolutely committed to the company," Vikram Mohan, MD of Pricol, said. Last week, Pricol reported a more than 54% jump in December-quarter profit to ₹267.6 million.

International expansion is a key part of IndiGo's growth plans: CEO Elbers

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

International expansion is a key part of IndiGo's growth strategy and the airline plans to add new destinations such as Jakarta and Nairobi next year, said CEO Pieter Elbers, adding that supply chain issues, which had delayed aircraft and engine deliveries and grounded several aircraft for many airlines in India, would in no way hamper these ambitions.

"Our present Airbus A321s and the range it provides us, in combination with the geographical position of India already give us a lot of potential to further develop our international network," Mr. Elbers said in an interview. "In our plans for 2024, Jakarta and Nairobi are on the anvil, and more destinations are under review. Nothing stops us today from executing our strategy when it comes to more international flying," he added.

Pieter Elbers

Awaiting A321 XLRs

The airline has wet leased (leasing aircraft along with crew) four Boeing 777 aircraft recently from Turkish Airlines and deployed them on flights from Delhi to Istanbul. The arrangement was a stopgap solution to cope with supply chain issues, Mr. Elbers explained, adding that it did not alter IndiGo's plan to take delivery of Airbus A321 XLRs that would begin to arrive around 2024-2025. Other solutions to the supply chain challenges include extending leases on some of the existing aircraft and delaying the return of the A320ceo (the older current engine option) planes.

Asked if the wet lease of Boeing 777 aircraft with business class, by a budget carrier whose own fleet comprises narrowbody A320s and smaller ATRs in single-class economy configuration, was a signal of IndiGo's interest in adding widebodies and offering business class on international routes, Mr. Elbers said: "Our present model, which includes affordable fares, has served us very well". He added that while the airline had not yet taken a decision on whether to add widebody or twin-aisle aircraft, he was "not ruling anything out".

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,003	-0.52
US Dollar	82.83	-0.18
Gold	55,950	-0.56
Brent oil	82.74	-3.03

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1722.70	-73.90
Adani Ports	578.65	1.45
Apollo Hosp	4614.70	-28.45
Asian Paints	2833.60	27.65
Axis Bank	854.90	-9.85
Bajaj Auto	3894.30	-12.30
Bajaj Finserv	1414.05	-14.15
Bajaj Finance	6416.70	-20.60
Bharti Airtel	776.80	-7.65
BPCL	331.70	6.00
Britannia Ind	4533.25	-38.75
Cipla	1025.75	-9.75
Coal India	217.50	2.05
Divis Lab	2829.80	-46.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4510.35	-8.95
Eicher Motors	3285.00	-4.10
Grasim Ind	1642.95	13.30
HCL Tech	1109.55	-18.60
HDFC	2693.60	-6.90
HDFC Bank	1655.90	-8.35
HDFC Life	504.25	-10.35
Hero MotoCorp	2535.55	-21.15
Hindalco	429.50	-5.20
Hind Unilever	2515.50	-11.60
ICICI Bank	862.65	-6.80
IndusInd Bank	1114.70	-33.65
Infosys	1583.80	-18.00
ITC	383.40	0.85
JSW Steel	728.40	0.45
Kotak Bank	1759.25	-28.70
L&T	2226.35	48.05
M&M	1341.50	-26.65
Maruti Suzuki	8807.75	2.65
NestleIndia	19021.30	-607.55
NTPC	168.05	0.65
ONGC	156.60	0.70
PowerGrid Corp	213.80	-0.80
Reliance Ind	2440.20	10.15
SBI Life	1149.70	-24.40
State Bank	531.00	-9.10
Sun Pharma	984.50	-10.65
TataConsumerProduct	726.25	-6.35
Tata Motors	439.90	-1.70
Tata Steel	112.25	0.25
TCS	3501.15	-56.90
Tech Mahindra	1129.20	-1.05
Titan	2500.30	-22.10
UltraTech Cement	7297.85	126.10
UPL	770.15	-0.20
Wipro	406.30	-3.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 17

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.63	82.95
Euro	87.94	88.32
British Pound	98.72	99.11
Japanese Yen (100)	61.28	61.52
Chinese Yuan	12.01	12.06
Swiss Franc	88.62	88.98
Singapore Dollar	61.67	61.92
Canadian Dollar	61.16	61.42
Malaysian Ringitt	18.64	18.71
Australian Dollar	56.40	56.62

Source:Indian Bank

Sport

In full flow: Nagal attacked the lines, hitting with good depth.
R. RAGU

Nagal outplays Clarke, storms into the last four

CHENNAI OPEN

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Sumit Nagal produced his finest effort of the week to breeze past Jay Clarke 6-1, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger 100 tournament on Friday.

The 25-year-old Indian was on the money from the first point and completely outplayed the British player as he broke him thrice to take the opening set in 37 minutes.

Fluent on both sides

Nagal hit with good depth and was fluent on both his forehand and backhand sides as he attacked the lines.

Looking for answers, the Briton approached the net often but was poor with his slice drops, and Nagal punished him with passing winners.

Nagal again looked to run away with the second set when he had Clarke down 0-40 in the fourth game before the Briton managed to hold it with some good first serves.

However, the Indian was too good for Clarke on the day and broke the latter in the tenth game to seal the match.

Nagal will meet American Nicolas Moreno De Alboran on Saturday for a place in the final.

The results:

Single: Quarterfinals: Sumit Nagal bt Jay Clarke (GBR) 6-1, 6-4; Nicolas Moreno De Alboran (USA) bt Yasutaka Uchiyama (Jpn) 6-3, 6-4.

Max Purcell (Aus) bt James Duckworth (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Dane Sweeny (Aus) bt Arthur Cazaux (Fra) 6-7 (5), 7-6 (9), 6-3.

Doubles: Semifinals: Sebastian Ofner (Aut) & Nino Serdarusic (Cro) bt N. Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 4-6, 7-6 (5), 10-4.

Jay Clarke (GBR) & Arjun Kadhe bt Petr Nouza (Cze) & Andrew Paulson (Cze) 7-5, 4-6, 10-8.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Shivu slams century

M. Shivu's century (149) was instrumental in Giridhanva School's thumping eight-wicket win over Carmel School, Padmanabhanagar in the BTR Shield under-14 (Group I) second division tournament.

The scores: St. Paul's English School 111 in 32.5 overs (Prateek Raj Harapanahalli 3/17, C.N. Dhruva 3/21) lost to Sri Kumaran Children's Academy 115/2 in 24.3 overs (Prateek Raj Harapanahalli 65 n.o.).

Kensri School 162 in 46.2 overs (R. Mukul Gowda 38, Ahuan Yusuf Mular 47) lost to St. Francis School, ICSE 165/2 in 34 overs (Satayiu Chakraborty 52 n.o., Mahith Bandi 31, Harshvardhan Nishikanth 27 n.o.).

Bethany High School 188 in 47.1 overs (Vrrisan Jaiswal 51, Neev Bhattacharjee 31) lost to Inventure Academy 189/6 in 44 overs (Nachiket Yatin Athale 53, Sahil Mittal 30 n.o., Samarth Patil 3/28).

Frank Anthony Public School 99 in 27.3 overs (Jayeesh Kumaresan 3/30, Siddharth Kona 3/7) lost to School of India 100/3 in 22 overs (Vasisht V. Shetty 38).

Sri Aurobindo Memorial School, CBSE 52 in 25.1 overs lost to Vidyashilp Academy 53 for no loss in 8.3 overs (Krish Singh Dhami 27 n.o.).

Carmel School, Padmanabhanagar 258/6 in 50 overs (S.P. Banesh 105 n.o., Navneet Anil Kumar 75) lost to Giridhanva School 259/2 in 30.1 overs (Adithya Mayur 42, M. Shivu 149, K. Gagan Sai 40 n.o.).

Clarence PS 66 in 23.5 overs (N. Akhil Gowda 5/17) lost to Sri RV School Kolar 67/4 in 18.3 overs.

St Joseph's Indian HS 245/9 in 50 overs (N. Dhanush Kumar 32, M. Sanjay 28, Nischal Dayanand 56, H.D. Prajwal Gowda 36, S. Pranav 3/46) bt Vidyaniketan PS, CBSE 98 in 35.5 overs (Arjun A. Naik 33, N. Dhanush Kumar 4/23).

All-round show by Ebrahim

Ebrahim's all-round effort (4/33 & 36) helped Anglo Youth CA defeat National Cricketers by five wickets in the KSCA (Group I) fifth division league.

The scores: National Cricketers 180 in 37.1 overs (A.G. Anshuman 25, Bhima Shankar 80, Ebrahim 4/33) lost to Anglo Youth CA 184/5 in 46.1 overs (G. Yeshwanth Raj 25, Ebrahim 36, Tejas Naik 45 n.o.).

Garfield Cricketers 239/9 in 50 overs (Nikhil 70, Nandish Roy 31, T. Gowtham 26) bt Government RC College 62 in 18.1 overs (B.N. Shishir 5/29).

Prathibhe Talented Trust 133 in 35.3 overs (R. Gopi 48, K. Muniraju 5/25) lost to Super CC 136/3 in 24.4 overs (Yashas Vihaan 79 n.o., H.N. Nagasimha 3/49).

Canarese CC 300/8 in 50 overs (Visvesh Subramanian 33, B. Mayur 68, Adithya Ramesh 34, Karthik 67, A. Pavan Yadav 43 n.o., Jeetender B. Singh 3/73) lost to Bangalore Sports CC 302/5 in 44.3 overs (Manjunath Prasad 89, S. Santosh Kumar 58, Arun Kumar 75 n.o., Jeetender B. Singh 25).

Lions CC 217 in 43.5 overs (Gautham R. Reddy 32, Deepak Gowda 55, B.T. Sanju 40, Jayanth R. Gowda 3/33, Rajesh Krishnan 3/57) bt Southern Cricketers 214 in 40.1 overs (B.S. Mahesh 71, N. Shekar 35, B.K. Shashank 30, Vishwa 4/44, Deepak Gowda 3/61).

YMCA CC (2) 95 in 28.2 overs (Mohammed Hesham 28, Santosh Kumar Singh 5/30) lost to Eminents Cricketers 99 for no loss in 5.4 overs (P. Dinesha 62 n.o., H.S. Shashidhar 31 n.o.).

Young Boys CA 135 in 37.3 overs (H. Srikanth 62, Rishabh Mavinkurve 3/38, Sunil Narayan 4/31) lost to Canara Union CC 138/4 in 27.1 overs (C.M. Srinivas 73 n.o., Arjun Reddy 3/24).

Huttons CC 197 in 36.1 overs (Kathit 31, M. Mohammed Ali 28, K.A. Jathan 3/44, N. Nishanth 3/30) lost to Malleswaram SC 198/6 in 41.3 overs (Ananth Nadiger 99, J. Jeevan 26, K.S. Srihari 46).

Hosakote CC 273 in 48 overs (J. Madhu 42, V. Sanket 38, Santhosh 68, Karthik Narayan Swamy 53, K. Venu Madhava Pai 3/49, B. Kiran 3/52) bt Young CA, Kolar 110 in 33 overs (R. Harish Karthik 26, B.S. Basavaraj 4/34, Santhosh 3/0).

Seshadripuram PU College 296 in 46.2 overs (L. Jagadish 62, M. Karan Raj 28, M. Supreeth 26, M.B. Basavaraj 61, Raju 65, Shivam Rathod 4/50, Dheeraj Upadhya 3/68, Manish C.M. Gowda 3/60) bt Seshadripuram College 263/9 in 50 overs (U. Manjesh 31, Dheeraj Upadhya 61, Shivam Rathod 53, Sri Hari 43, M.B. Basavaraj 3/50).

Bangalore City FC wins

Fazal Hassan's winner helped Bangalore City FC beat CIL FC 1-0 and secure the BDFA B-division league title on Friday.

The results: Bangalore City FC 1 (Fazal Hassan 60) bt CIL FC 0; Bangalore Warriors FC 6 (Bharathi 8, Md. Rayan 13, 15, 19, 31, Harish 25) bt Al Fateh FC 0.

SNAPSHOTS

₹50 crore allocated for sportspersons in State budget

The Karnataka Budget presented on Friday allocated ₹50 crore for the establishment of 'Karnataka Olympic Kanasina Yojane Nidhi' for sponsoring meritorious sportspersons from the State.

Karnataka team for CK Nayudu Trophy

Kishan S. Bedare will lead Karnataka in the Col. CK Nayudu Trophy pre-quarterfinal match against Uttar Pradesh to be held in Bengaluru from February 19 to 22.

The team: Kishan S. Bedare (Capt.), Nikin Jose, Lochan Appanna, K.V. Appanna, K.V. Aneesh, Shubhang Hegde, Kruthik Krishna, Vinay N. Sagar, A.C. Rohith Kumar, T.N. Varun Rao, Vidyadhar Patil, M. Venkatesh, K. Shashikumar, Nischith N. Rao, Vishal Onat, Lochan Gowda.

Bangalore University triumphs

Bangalore University won the All India inter-university men's netball championship organised by Soundarya College of Law and Karnataka State Law University. In the final league matches, Bangalore University defeated University of Mysore 35-28 and beat University of Calicut 11-6.

Madhya Pradesh thrashes Telangana

Madhya Pradesh blanked Telangana 36-0 in the league phase of the 13th Hockey India Senior national women's hockey championship in Kakinada on Friday.

The results: Madhya Pradesh 36 bt Telangana 0.
Odisha 13 bt Kerala 0.
Himachal 10 bt Gujarat 1.

Anzac Pipernal grabs the Bangalore Juvenile Million

BENGALURU: S. Dominic trained Anzac Pipernal (S. Saqlain up) won the Bangalore Juvenile Million, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Feb 17). The winner is owned by Mr. V. Krishna Das, Mr. Akshay Karan and Mr. Syed Nawaz Hussain. Jockey Imran Chisty and trainer Sharat Kumar won three races each on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. SUNDAY SILENCE PLATE (DIV. II): TWILIGHT FAME (Rayan) 1, Ultimate Chance (Tousif) 2, Klockner (Srinath) 3 and Baroness (Angad) 4. 3-1/2, 1 and Snk. 1m 27.33s. Rs. 1,145 (w), 142, 27 and 17 (p), SHP: 74, THP: 52, FP: 7,435, Q: 2,370, Trinella: 48,516 (carried over), Exacta: 55,929 (carried over). Favourite: Sling Shot.
Owner: Mr. S.N. Harish. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

2. SUBARNAREKHA PLATE: THUNDERSTRUCK (Arvind K) 1, My Vision (Rayan) 2, Memorable Time (A. Imran) 3 and Marco Polo (C. Umesh) 4. 1/2, 3-3/4 and 4-1/2. 1m 40.71s. Rs. 94 (w), 34, 22 and 13 (p), SHP: 48, THP: 77, FP: 1,021, Q: 537, Trinella: 3,319, Exacta: 47,445. Favourite: Memorable Time.
Owner: Mr. Nanda Kumar N. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

3. CHARMINAR PLATE: STORMY OCEAN (I. Chisty) 1, Triumphant (Suraj) 2, Solid Power (S. Saqlain) 3 and Roman Power (S. John) 4. 2-1/2, 1-1/2 and Snk. 1m 53.94s. Rs. 16 (w), 12, 11 and 34 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 85, FP: 26, Q: 21, Trinella: 410, Exacta: 1,273. Favourite: Stormy Ocean.
Owner: Mr. Aditya P. Thackersey. Trainer: Darius Byramji.

4. DR. T. THIMMAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY: DEVILS MAGIC (I. Chisty) 1, English Bay (Ashok K) 2, Lauterbrunnen (Angad) 3 and Montelena (L.A. Rozario) 4. 1/2, Hd and 3-3/4. 1m 13.85s. Rs. 20 (w), 13, 39 and 28 (p), SHP: 147, THP: 71, FP: 268, Q: 391, Trinella: 9,098, Exacta: 32,726. Favourite: Devils Magic.
Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

5. BANGALORE JUVENILE MILLION: ANZAC PIPERNAL (S. Saqlain) 1, Cat Whiskers (Neeraj) 2 and Dynamic Force (P.S. Chouhan) 3. Not run: Sassy. 6 and 4-3/4. 1m 25.95s. Rs. 20 (w), SHP: 20, FP: 17. Favourite: Cat Whiskers.
Owners: Mr. V. Krishna Das, Mr. Akshay Karan and Mr. Syed Nawaz Hussain. Trainer: S. Dominic.

6. SHARAVATHI PLATE: LYCURGUS (I. Chisty) 1, Peluche (L.A. Rozario) 2, Flying Quest (Likith Appu) 3 and Golden Vision (M. Prabhakaran) 4. 2-3/4, 3/4 and 4. 1m 25.56s. Rs. 132 (w), 32, 31 and 23 (p), SHP: 109, THP: 62, FP: 2,803, Q: 1,644, Trinella: 52,544, Exacta: 67,161 (Carried over). Favourite: Divine Ray.
Owner: Mr. Shankar Srinivas. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

7. SUNDAY SILENCE PLATE (DIV. I): BELDONA (Srinath) 1, Hope Island (S. John) 2, Air Display (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Princess Jasmine (Vinod Shinde) 4. Not run: The Strength. 1, 6-1/4 and 3/4. 1m 26.55s. Rs. 62 (w), 17, 14 and 21 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 60, FP: 234, Q: 75, Trinella: 1,232, Exacta: 6,514. Favourite: Dragon's Gold.
Owner: Mr. Nanda Kumar N. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

Jackpot: Rs. 6,621 (nine tkts); Runner up: 370 (69 tkts); Treble (i): 741 (eight tkts); (ii): 1,507 (eight tkts).

Blue Tigresses look for first win in 2023

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

When India scored two goals in the second half against Nepal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Wednesday it thought the match was won. Two goals in the game's last minutes saw the Blue Tigresses end up with a draw.

On Saturday, Thomas Dennerby's side will look to mend just that when the two meet again.

The host had started the previous match with a set of players different from its regular starting eleven but saw a much better performance with the addition of Manisha Kalyan and Soumya Guguloth in the second half, both of whom may start in the next game.

India captain Ashalata Devi and midfielder Nongmaithem Ratanbala Devi will be missing out with knee injuries while goalkeeper Aditi Chauhan remains doubtful after picking a knock in the first friendly.

EVENLY POISED

Tom Blundell slams century as New Zealand fights back

Tom Blundell's career-best 138 took New Zealand to 306, 19 runs behind England's 325 for nine declared.
The scores: England 325/9 decl. & 79/2 in 16 overs vs New Zealand 306 in 82.5 overs (Conway 77, Blundell 138; Anderson 3/36, Robinson 4/54).

THE SIZZLER

Bates in fine nick as New Zealand crushes Bangladesh

Suzie Bates (81 not out) set up New Zealand's 71-run win over Bangladesh in the Women's T20 World Cup in Cape Town on Friday.
The scores: NZ 189/3 in 20 overs (Bernadine Bezuidenhout 44, Suzie Bates 81 n.o., Maddy Green 44 n.o.) bt Bangladesh 118/8 in 20 overs (Murshida Khatun 30, Shorna Akter 31, Eden Carson 3/18).

BIG BOOST

Odisha eases past NEUFC, climbs to fifth in the table

Odisha FC moved to the fifth spot with a 3-1 win over NEUFC in an ISL-9 encounter at Guwahati on Friday. Nandhakumar opened the scoring in the 36th minute before Victor Rodriguez made it 2-0 in the 65th. Diego Mauricio converted a penalty in the 84th before Wilmar Gil scored a consolation goal in injury time for NEUFC off a penalty.

FIRING AWAY

Defenders get past Meteors, register second victory

Ahmedabad Defenders scored a 14-15, 15-12, 15-14, 15-14 win over Mumbai Meteors in the Prime Volleyball League in Hyderabad on Friday. This was Defenders' second win in three matches. R. Angamuthu was the Player-of-the-match. Calicut Heroes shocked Kolkata Thunderbolts 15-14, 7-15, 15-11, 13-15, 15-13 on Thursday.

Australia innings ends inside opening day again

Shami scalps four, spin twins Ashwin and Jadeja pick up three each; Khawaja, Handscomb script a better show for the visitors; Aussies go in with just one specialist pacer in skipper Cummins

Off you go! Warner cannot hide his disappointment as he leaves caught behind by Bharat off Shami. V.V. KRISHNAN

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
David Warner c Bharat b Shami 15 *(44b, 3x4)*, Usman Khawaja c Rahul b Jadeja 81 *(125b, 12x4, 1x6)*, Marnus Laguschagne lbw b Ashwin 18 *(25b 4x4)*, Steve Smith c Bharat b Ashwin 0 *(2b)*, Travis Head c Rahul b Shami 12 *(30b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Peter Handscomb (not out) 72 *(142b, 9x4)*, Alex Carey c Kohli b Ashwin 0 *(5b)*, Pat Cummins lbw b Jadeja 33 *(59b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Todd Murphy b Jadeja 0 *(4b)*, Nathan Lyon b Shami 10 *(26b, 2x4)*, Matthew Kuhnemann b Shami 6 *(12b)*; Extras (b-13, lb-1, nb-2): 16; Total (in 78.4 overs): 263.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-50 (Warner, 15.2 overs), 2-91 (Labushange, 22.4), 3-91 (Smith, 22.6), 4-108 (Head, 31.2), 5-167 (Khawaja, 45.5), 6-168 (Carey, 46.6), 7-27 (Cummins, 67.2), 8-227 (Murphy, 67.6), 9-246 (Lyon, 74.2).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 14.4-4-60-4, Siraj 10-2-30-0, Ashwin 21-4-57-3, Jadeja 21-2-68-3, Axar 12-2-34-0.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma (batting) 13 *(24b, 1x4)*, K.L. Rahul (batting) 4 *(20b)*; Extras (b-4): 4; Total (for no loss in nine overs): 21.

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Cummins 3-1-7-0, Kuhnemann 4-1-6-0, Lyon 2-0-4-0.
Toss: Australia.

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

The script had a predictable ring to it. As in the first Test, Australia batted by choice but India kept it in check. Again, the Australian innings did not last the day. Spinners R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja remained effective while Mohammed Shami scalped four.

If Australia battled hard to reach 263 – 86 runs more than what it managed in Nagpur – the early firmness of the pitch and fast outfield helped. In keeping with the average score of 277 at the Ferozeshah Kotla on the opening day of a Test, 284 runs came after India's response of 21 without loss.

Pertinently, when India batted, quite a few deliveries squatted or shot through. Should the bounce become any lower and slower, even the Indian batters could struggle.

With Australia adding to its spin repertoire by bringing in debutant left-armer Matthew Kunhemann and batting all-rounder Travis Head – with his brand of off-spin – for Matt Renshaw and Scott Boland, India faces a spin-test.

The last time Australia went into a match with a lone specialist pacer – in skipper Pat Cummins – was against Bangladesh at Chattogram in September 2017. For the record, Australia won that Test.

On this day, opener Usman Khawaja and Peter Handscomb played their part to ensure Australia's highest tally of the series. Their half-centuries and roles in three 50+ stands raised the total beyond 250.

Khawaja batted with assurance. He showed the willingness to take the battle to the Indians. Using the sweep – both conventional and reverse – the left-hander gathered runs fairly easily against the spinners. He was particularly severe on Jadeja whom he hit for four of his 12 boundaries. When facing Shami and Siraj, Khawaja cleverly used their pace to find the gaps.

However, when on 81, Khawaja reverse-swept Jadeja but found a diving K.L. Rahul bring off the catch of the day. Showing great anticipation, Rahul flung himself to his right and plucked the ball one-handed. The tumbling catch ended the opener's bid to reach a well-deserved century.

Handscomb (72 not out) carried forward Khawaja's good work. He added 59 with Khawaja, another 59 with Cummins and went on to hold the innings together with the late-order batters. Like Khawaja, Handscomb found Jadeja easy to deal with and hit him for five boundaries.

IPL 2023 schedule

Date	Teams	Time	Venue
March 31	GT vs. CSK	7.30 p.m	Ahmedabad
April 1	PBKS vs. KKR	3.30 p.m	Mohali
April 1	LSG vs. DC	7.30 p.m.	Lucknow
April 2	SRH vs. RR	3.30 p.m.	Hyderabad
April 2	RCB vs. MI	7.30 p.m.	Bengaluru
April 3	CSK vs. LSG	7.30 p.m.	Chennai
April 4	DC vs. GT	7.30 p.m.	Delhi
April 5	RR vs. PBKS	7.30 p.m.	Guwahati
April 6	KKR vs. RCB	7.30 p.m.	Kolkata
April 7	LSG vs. SRH	7.30 p.m.	Lucknow
April 8	RR vs. DC	3.30 p.m.	Guwahati
April 8	MI vs. CSK	7.30 p.m	Mumbai
April 9	GT vs. KKR	3.30 p.m.	Ahmedabad
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April 15	RCB vs. DC	3.30 p.m.	Bengaluru
April 15	LSG vs. PBKS	7.30 p.m.	Lucknow
April 16	MI vs. KKR	3.30 p.m.	Mumbai
April 16	GT vs. RR	7.30 p.m.	Ahmedabad
April 17	RCB vs. CSK	7.30 p.m.	Bengaluru
April 18	SRH vs. MI	7.30 p.m.	Hyderabad
April 19	RR vs. LSG	7.30 p.m.	Jaipur
April 20	PBKS vs. RCB	3.30 p.m.	Mohali
April 20	DC vs. KKR	7.30 p.m.	Delhi
April 21	CSK vs. SRH	7.30 p.m.	Chennai
April 22	LSG vs. GT	3.30 p.m.	Lucknow
April 22	MI vs. PBKS	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai
April 23	RCB vs. RR	3.30 p.m.	Bengaluru
April 23	KKR vs. CSK	7.30 p.m.	Kolkata
April 24	SRH vs. DC	7.30 p.m.	Hyderabad
April 25	GT vs. MI	7.30 p.m	Ahmedabad
April 26	RCB vs. KKR	7.30 p.m	Bengaluru
April 27	RR vs. CSK	7.30 p.m	Jaipur
April 28	PBKS vs. LSG	7.30 p.m.	Mohali
April 29	KKR vs. GT	3.30 p.m.	Kolkata
April 29	DC vs. SRH	7.30 p.m	Delhi
April 30	CSK vs. PBKS	3.30 p.m.	Chennai
April 30	MI vs. RR	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai
May 1	LSG vs. RCB	7.30 p.m.	Lucknow
May 2	GT vs. DC	7.30 p.m.	Ahmedabad
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May 17	PBKS vs. DC	7.30 p.m.	Dharamsala
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Short ball could be a great idea: Shami

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Mohammed Siraj softened up David Warner with a couple of well-directed bouncers that hit his arm and the head. Soon, it was Mohammed Shami who had the last laugh by getting the left-hander out after being hit for back-to-back boundaries.

"I think it is wrong to maintain that our pitches are conducive only for spinners. If you take a close look, you'll discover that all the fast bowlers have come here after performing well and know the home conditions very well," said Shami.

About bowling on home pitches, he said, "We have been told repeatedly from our early days that the wickets here are on the slower side (compared to some other countries).

"But I feel that the use of the short ball could be a great idea on our pitches. Bouncers are always an option," Shami added.

Asked about the par score on this pitch, Australia opener Usman Khawaja said, "It was difficult for me, but I don't know the par score. Let India bat on it. I feel like 260 is pretty good but we will have to wait and see."

Gavaskar wishes Pujara becomes first Indian to score 100 in 100th Test

Special occasion: Pujara with teammates and family in his milestone match. V.V. KRISHNAN

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

"I wish and pray you become the first Indian to score a big hundred in your 100th Test and lay the foundation for yet another win in Delhi."

These words came from legendary Test opener Sunil Gavaskar during the brief felicitation ceremony for Cheteshwar Pujara minutes before the start of the second India-Australia Test at the Ferozeshah Kotla here on Friday.

Gavaskar presented Pujara with a symbolic 100th Test cap in the presence of the batter's father, wife and the Indian team members.

"When we play as kids growing up, we all dream of playing for India. When we do eventually play for India, it's an unbelievable feeling. And you want to do that over and over again," Gavaskar said.

"To be able to do that, you need a lot of hard work, determination, and self-belief to lift yourself up from lean periods, and stay focused on getting the job done. When you go out to bat, it looks as if you are not just taking the bat with you... you are taking the Indian flag with you."

India has a score to settle with England

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India
GQEBERHA

After being put under pressure in its first two games, India will have no room for error when it takes on England in the Women's T20 World Cup on Saturday.

It was Richa Ghosh who took India over the line on both occasions.

England leads the table with a better NRR (+2.497) compared to India (+0.590) though both have won two games each. The Women in Blue have never beaten the Englishwomen in the T20 World Cup, losing all five matches.

Richa... the finisher.
FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Match starts at 6.30 p.m. IST.

INBRIEF

Barcelona and Man Utd. fight out a thrilling draw

Barcelona and Manchester United played out a thrilling 2-2 draw in the first leg of their Europa League play-off tie on Thursday, while Juventus was left frustrated by Nantes in a 1-1 stalemate.

Important results (play-offs, first leg): Ajax 0 drew with Union Berlin 0; Barcelona 2 (Alonso 50, Raphinha 76) drew with Man Utd 2 (Rashford 53, Kounde 59-og); RB Salzburg 1 (Capaldo 88) bt Roma 0; Juventus 1 (Vlahovic 13) drew with Nantes 1 (Blas 60); Sevilla 3 (En-Nesyri 45+2, Ocampos 50, Gudelj 55) bt PSV Eindhoven 0.

Jeje Lalpekhlua announces retirement

One of India's finest strikers, and Chennaiyin FC's (CFC) mainstays for a long time, Jeje Lalpekhlua announced his retirement on Tuesday. In a statement on Twitter, the 32-year-old said: "Today has been an emotional day for me. I am very proud to have played for my country and there's no greater feeling than representing your nation." For CFC, where he played for six seasons beginning 2014-15 – winning the Indian Super League twice (2015-16 & 2017-18) – Jeje scored 23 goals providing seven assists in 69 matches, and remains the highest goal-scorer for the club and third highest in ISL history. After his stint with CFC, he played one season for East Bengal in ISL in 2020-21. For the Indian National men's team, Jeje scored 23 goals in 56 international matches.

LIVE TELECAST

New Zealand vs England: 1st Test, day 3, Prime Video, 6.30 a.m.

India vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 2, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Ranji Trophy: Final: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Badminton: Mixed Asia Team C'ships, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 12.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 10.30 p.m.

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

UAE vs Afghanistan: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 11 p.m.

Saurashtra flexes its middle-order muscle, has Bengal on the mat

Jackson, Vasavada and Jani add to opener Desai's half-century as the visitors make themselves at home at the Eden

RANJI FINAL

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Saurashtra's trusted middle-order trio, Sheldon Jackson, Arpit Vasavada and Chirag Jani, and opener Harvik Desai struck magnificent half-centuries to put the visitors in command against Bengal in the Ranji Trophy final at the Eden Gardens here on Friday.

Resuming at 81 for two, Saurashtra seemed to be more at home at the Eden than Bengal to score 317 for five in the first innings and secure a substantial 143-run lead on the second day.

Overnight batters Harvik and Chetan Sakariya carried on resolutely even as the Bengal pacers found good areas to get some purchase. Harvik (50, 79b, 8x4, 1x6) got his fifty before being trapped in front by Mukesh Kumar.

On course: Vasavada, who scored a double hundred in the semifinals, is poised for another fine score in the final. PTI

Nightwatchman Sakariya hung on despite receiving several blows and saw off the crucial first hour. Ishan Porel bowled a special delivery to get rid of the left-hander.

Jackson (59, 105b, 10x4) had scored a hundred and Vasavada (81 n.o., 155b, 11x4) a double hundred in the semifinals against Karnataka. When Saurashtra needed their services again, the experienced duo rose to the occasion to add 95 important runs.

Jackson and Vasavada employed solid defence, left the good deliveries to the 'keeper and punished the loose ones to exhibit their game awareness despite a low scoring rate in the opening session.

As the conditions improved, the two took their team past Bengal's first innings aggregate of 174. Jackson, who played some lovely drives on the offside, scored his half-century before pulling Ishan Porel to deep square-leg.

The left-handed Vasavada, who primarily cut and drove on the offside, concentrated hard to join hands with Jani (57 n.o., 100b, 10x4) to put Saurashtra in a position of strength.

While Jani – who was dropped on 25 by Shahbaz Ahmed at deep fine-leg while hooking Mukesh – middled the ball and found the gaps, driving straight and flicking off his legs.

The Vasavada-Jani combination formed an unbroken 113-run partnership as Saurashtra inflated its lead to three figures.

Jani deservedly reached his half-century and got a round of applause from the spectators in the final session, which started 20 minutes late due to bad light owing to overcast conditions.

The pressure of losing ground reflected in the drained Bengal bowlers' wobbling performance. Sloppy fielding, 31 extras and imprudent use of DRS added to the host's woes.

The scores:
Bengal — 1st innings: 174.
Saurashtra — 1st innings: Harvik Desai lbw b Mukesh 50, Jay Gohil b Akash Deep 6, Vishvaraj Jadeja c Abishek b Mukesh 25, Chetan Sakariya b Ishan 8, Sheldon Jackson c sub b Ishan 59, Arpit Vasavada (batting) 81, Chirag Jani (batting) 57; Extras (b-18, lb-5, nb-8): 31; Total (for five wkts. in 87 overs): 317.
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-73, 3-101, 4-109, 5-204.
Bengal bowling: Mukesh 27-5-83-2, Akash Deep 27-5-78-1, Ghatak 7-1-29-0, Ishan 18-2-72-2, Shahbaz 7-0-27-0, Tiwary 1-0-5-0.

Chetan Sharma resigns as chairman of selection panel

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Chetan Sharma has resigned as the chairman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) senior men's national selection committee. The decision is in the aftermath of a recent sting operation that saw him spilling the beans about team selection and equation among senior players.

The Hindu understands that once he was categorically told that the team management, including all the senior players and coaching staff, had lost its trust in him and his position had become untenable, Chetan resigned voluntarily.

Chetan Sharma. FILE PHOTO

Chetan's exit means the BCCI – in consultation with the Cricket Advisory Committee – will have to pick a new chief selector from the current lot.

According to the rulebook, "the senior most Test cap" is appointed the chairperson. While Shiv Sundar Das's 23 Test appearances are the most by a selector, Salil Ankola is the oldest member of the panel.

Zee News, a Hindi television channel, aired a sting operation earlier this week that saw Chetan claiming India cricketers "take injections" to hustle their injury rehabilitation and recover. He also elaborated on the "ego issues" between captain Rohit Sharma and his predecessor Virat Kohli, leading to the team divided in "two camps".

Besides, Chetan added that with Hardik Pandya as the permanent T20I captain, Rohit and Kohli are unlikely to feature in T20Is from now on.

Kerala's semifinal hopes rise

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After struggling for a major part of the 76th Santosh Trophy National football championships' final phase, defending champion Kerala defeated host Odisha 1-0 in Bhubaneswar on Friday and is now in with a chance to travel to Riyadh to play the semifinals.

The results (Group A): Kerala 1 (Nijo Gilbert 16-p) bt Odisha 0; Karnataka 3 (Robin Yadav 45+4-p, P. Ankith 61, Shajan Franklin 9+11) drew with Maharashtra 3 (Johnson Mathews 14, Armash Ansari 55 & 60); Punjab 3 (Nickson Castanha 20-og, Rohit Sheikh 74 & 80) bt Goa 1 (Clencio Pinto 88).

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